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COAL STRUGGLE.

COOK'S APPEAL FALLS ON DEAF EARS.

COMPULSION IMPOSSIBLE.

Rugby, Nov. 3.

A conference of delegates representing three million members of Trades Unions considered to-day the request of the Miners' Federation for financial assistance by means of a compulsory levy.

Mr. J. H. Thomas, M.P., ex-Minister and leader of the National Union of Railwaymen, declared that a compulsory levy was out of the question. He pointed out the heavy financial burden which the coal stoppage had placed on the Railwaymen and other Unions.

An appeal by Mr. J. A. Cook and other miners' leaders for a compulsory levy fell on unsympathetic ears, and eventually an acceptable compromise was found in a resolution which was moved by the Secretary of the Distributive Workers' Unions. This proposed that members of Trades Unions who are working should contribute voluntarily, not less than one penny per day for the support of the miners. The Distributive Workers' Union offered to put a voluntary fund with a contribution of £10,000 from its own resources.

This compromise proposal was adopted.

The General Council of the Trades Union Congress afterward issued a statement asking Unionists to make a special effort to contribute.

Only a Shilling a Week.

An experienced Union leader estimated that even if all working Unionists contributed one penny per day only £50,000 per week would be available for the miners. This would provide something over one shilling per week for each miner still on strike.

It appears that at to-day's meeting the feeling was distinctly revealed in the debate that if the miners receive financial assistance from other Unions they must be prepared to accept the solution of the coal dispute suggested by the Trades Union Congress as representing those Unions. Dismissal was expressed to help the miners to prolong an unprofitable struggle.

Forlorn Hopes.

In London it is generally believed that the Conference will be considerably influenced by the failure of the hopes of the miners' leaders, namely, an embargo on foreign coal and a compulsory levy and by the plain speaking at to-day's conference.

It is considered highly probable that the Miners' Executive will seek authority to conclude a settlement on the best terms that can be obtained in the districts with a safeguarding provision for national principles. This, broadly, is the settlement suggested by the Trades Union Congress. The granting of such authorisation by the delegate conference would be an important move toward peace—British Wireless Service.

District Settlements.

London, Nov. 3.

Mr. A. J. Cook has published a statement that the Miners' Executive never discussed the question of district settlements, which they knew meant longer hours—Reuter.

Menace of Penalties.

London, Nov. 3.

It appears that the Unions decided to recommend not to impose a levy because non-payment of a compulsory levy would entail penalties in the shape of disaffiliation of those Unions not fulfilling the instruction—Reuter.

Nearing 300,000 Mark.

London, Nov. 3.

There is a total of 290,879 miners working to-day—Reuter.

Unions and an Embargo.

London, November 2.

The conference of the various Unions discussing the proposal of the Miners' Federation for an embargo on imported coal has adjourned without a decision, but it is learned that the Seamen's Union has rejected an embargo, by a majority of over ten to one, while the Locomotive Engineers' and Firemen's Union declined to attend the Conference.

London, Later.

The unions at the affiliated Trade Union Congress decided to support the miners and to recommend a voluntary levy on members of a penny a day per head—Reuter.

FAMILY FEELING.

HERTZOG MAKES A NOTABLE SPEECH.

RELATIONS WITH INDIA.

London, Nov. 3.

"We need have no fear of those difficulties not eventually being settled to the satisfaction of the one as of the other," said General Hertzog in speaking at a luncheon in London to-day given by the British-Indian Union to the Indian delegates to the Imperial Conference.

Viscount Reading presided at the function, which was notable as being General Hertzog's first appearance at a non-South African gathering, whilst General Hertzog's speech was noteworthy as the first publicly spoken indication from anyone inside the Imperial Conference of the family feeling among those attending it.

Furthermore, General Hertzog was the sole representative of the Dominion members of the Conference at the luncheon.

Viscount Reading in a speech warmly welcomed General Hertzog.

Value of Close Contact.

In replying General Hertzog emphasised the value of close contact in removing misunderstandings, quarrels, and bickerings. That was why he appreciated the Imperial Conference, where the delegates had that contact giving the necessary confidence and understanding.

He added that South Africa and India were trying to come into closer contact. They had had considerable differences in the past, but he was convinced that, with a better mutual understanding, they would be prepared to meet one another's requirements.

General Hertzog was loudly cheered when he made the remark quoted at the beginning of the cablegram.

He concluded, by hoping that during the remainder of their labours they would continue in the happy spirit in which the delegates from the Dominions had been getting on at the Conference, where they looked one another face to face and had not been afraid to say what they wanted to say. (Applause).

EMPIRE PROBLEMS.

IMPERIAL CONFERENCE AT WORK.

GOOD PROGRESS.

Rugby, Nov. 3.

To enable further progress to be made with the work of the various Committees the Imperial Conference will not meet in full session until Friday morning when such reports of Committees as are ready for representation will be considered.

Considerable progress was made to-day in the examination of intricate problems concerning questions of nationality by a Committee in-charge in the Dominions through meeting of the Economic Committee the matters under consideration included taxation of non-residents trading in the Dominions through agents or branches and the liability of State enterprises to taxation.

The Committee of Prime Ministers further considered the problem of inter-Imperial relations, and the discussion will be resumed at a meeting of this Committee to-morrow—Reuter's American Service.

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SPANISH PLOT.

OVER NINETY ARRESTS REPORTED.

NO BRITISH SUSPECTS.

Perpignan, Nov. 3.

Altogether 92 Spanish and Italians—mostly the former—were arrested at Roussillon in connection with the Spanish plot.

None of those arrested or suspected is British as first stated—Reuter.

Credit to Police.

Paris, Nov. 3.

The French Police are showered with the credit for frustrating one of the most determined Spanish revolutionary plots—that mentioned earlier—hatched on French territory, holding their hand until 150 of the persons implicated were safely within their net.

The conspiracy is attributed to the Catalan ex-Deputy, Macia, who, however, escaped.

The arrested men made a concerted attempt to escape when imprisoned in Paris but a detachment of infantry was drafted in to mount guard. Similarly the Senegalese Tirailleurs were requisitioned at Perpignan to control those imprisoned there who were revolting on the ground of the unsuitability of the food supplied to them—Reuter.

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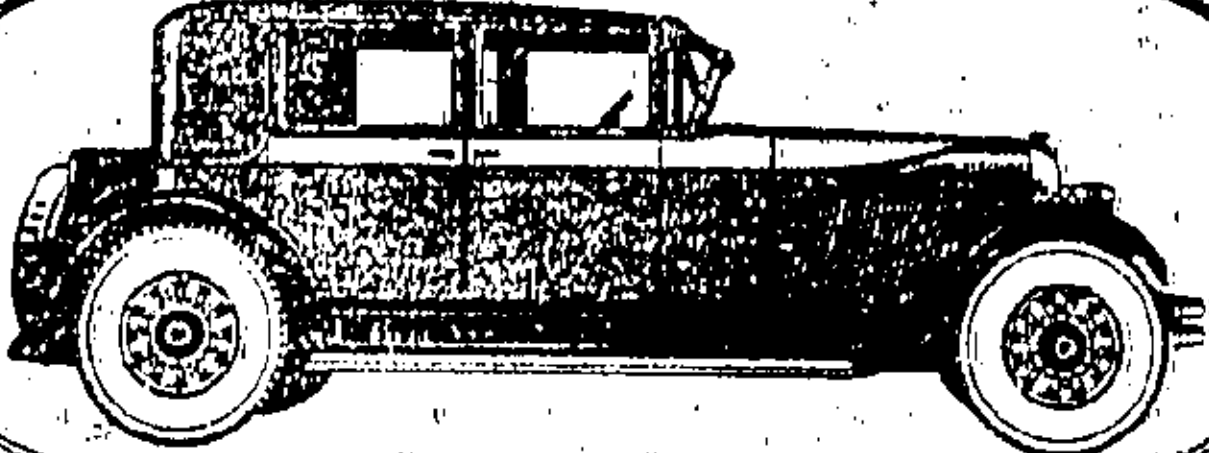
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**MOVIE NOTES.****WHAT YOUR FAVOURITES ARE DOING.****NEWS OF THE SCREEN.**

(By "The Hollywood Boulevarder.")
Cecil De Mille has not yet found the full cast for his production, "The King of Kings," but so far as we know, Henry Walthall will play the part of "Jesus," Ernest Torrence will play "Peter," Robert Edeon "Matthew," and Jacqueline Logan "Mary Magdalene." It is rumoured that Francis X. Bushman, who was "Messiah" in "Ben-Hur," is being considered by De Mille for the role of "St. John."

Theodore Dreiser's stupendous study of modern American life, "An American Tragedy," is to be produced by Famous Players' Malcolm St. Claire, who was lately been handling the megaphone most wonderfully, is to direct the picture. Glenn Hunter is Dreiser's choice for the part of "Glyde Griffiths," but Jesse L. Lasky, head of Famous Players, ignored the suggestion. St. Claire is daily testing unknown applicants for the part, and he believes that sooner or later he will discover his "Griffiths."

After making Blasco Ibanez's "Mare Nostrum," Rex Ingram, creator of "The Four Horsemen," is actively engaged on a production of "The Magician," by Somerset Maugham. Rex has a studio on the Riviera, and will make pictures there and in Tunis, his favourite sojourn.

Willard Louis, who came into direct prominence with his portrayal of Sinclair Lewis's "Babbalanza," has died at Glendale, California. He was buried in San Francisco, his home town.

Elinor Glyn, internationally famous author of "Three Weeks" and other oven-baked books, not so long ago defined sex appeal as "IT." Ever since then, Hollywood has been seeking out possessors of IT and endeavouring to get IT into its pictures. Now, it is reported that Fox is to make a picture called "IT." If this is so, then our choice for this vehicle is Olive Borden, a newcomer who has but recently "arrived." Her first picture was "Fig Leaves," with George O'Brien.

The new movie sub-deb, Lois Moran, who gave such a striking performance in the part of the daughter in "Stella Dallas," has signed a long-term contract with Paramount. Her first picture under this new contract is to be "God Gave Me Twenty Cents," to be directed by Herbert Brenon, who made "The Little French Girl," "Peter Pan," "Beau Geste," and many other successes.

Work has finished on Paramount's "The Sorrows of Satan,"

adapted from the late Marie Corelli's novel. Adolphe Menjou plays "Satan," others in the cast are Ricardo Cortez, Lya de Putti and Carol Dempster. It is a David Wark Griffith production.

Pola Negri, after a prolonged absence since the death of Rudolph Valentino, is back again at Paramount's Vine Street Studios, and has resumed work on "Hotel Imperial."

Paramount's great screen masterpiece, "Old Ironsides," is completed. James Cruze, of "Hollywood" and "The Covered Wagon" fame, is the director. This is Cruze's last picture for Famous; he will soon switch over to the United Artists lots.

Ramon Novarro, who scored his greatest success in "Ben-Hur," is working hard on "The Great Galeoto."

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Spencer Chaplin (née Lita Grey), are expecting a visit from the stork in the near future. Charlie prophesies that it will be a boy, but Lita Grey prefers a girl. Charlie, by the way, hopes to finish his latest production, "The Circus," next month.

Buster Keaton will land the biggest knock-out of his frozen-faced career in Joseph Schenck's presentation for Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer, "Battling Butler." In this, Buster is supported by dainty Sally O'Neil, M-G-M's latest "find," a seventeen-year-old beauty.

A nation-wide "Greater Movie Season" began on Nov. 1 in the United States, and during that season, all the big film producers will give the public some of their best pictures made this season. Below is a list of big offerings, which have been promised:

Fox: "What Price Glory," "The Seventh Heaven," "The Music Master," "Three Bad Men," "One Increasing Purpose," "The Blue Eagle" and "Womanpower."

First National: "Syncopating Sue," "The Great Deception," "Twinkles," "Mismates," "Forever After," "The Strong Man," "The Sun of Montmartre," "The Lady of Ermine" and "It Must Be Love."

Universal: "The Flaming Frontier," "The Midnight Sun," "The Black Rider," "The Bargain Bride" and "The Wrong Mr. Wright."

Famous Players: "The Sorrows of Satan," "The Popular Sin," "The Campus Flirt," "Love 'em and Leave 'em," "Kid Boots," "The Whole Town's Talking" and "Old Ironsides."

Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer: "The Understanding Heart," "Valencia," "Tell It To The Marines," "The Weaker Sex," "The Flesh and The Devil," "The Waltz Dream," "Annie Laurie," "The General," "Battling Butler" and "Tin Hats."

Columbia: "Obey The Law," "The Clown," "Sidewalks of New York," "Birds of Prey," "The Romantic Age," "When The Wife's Away," "Adieu," "The Wreck" and "The Price of Honour."

It is now officially understood that Famous Players is not going to produce "The Green Hat" because of certain reasons, which strictly must be enforced. Pictures which are inclined to be "dangerously dangerous" can never reach the shadow stage. And this Arlen story is rather like that; it pictures a dissolute, soulless woman who is promiscuous—and really delighted in it!

Lionel Barrymore, brother of John, who was endeared to movie fans the world over in "Enemies of Women," is to play "Matthias" in the immortal Irving play, "The Belles." James Young is to direct this picture for Chadwick Pictures.

A rumour is abroad in Hollywood to the effect that some of the big film moguls are forming a combine with the intention of cutting down the exorbitant salaries at present received by the greater screen stars. From the producer's point of view, this plan is the most advisable; but a celestial celebrity will say that it is all "hokum."

In spite of the enormous success of "Kiki," Norma Talmadge flatly refuses to do any more comedies. She believes that she entirely belongs to purely emotional drama, and henceforth she says she will stick to it.

An exact reproduction of beloved Wally Reid of a few years ago, has been found in Kent Meade, an "extra" player. Meade's photographs were sent to Wally's widow, Mrs. Dorothy Davenport Reid, and she wrote back saying that she had never seen those pictures of her husband and believed that they were some he had never shown her. This shows how little the original Wally and Meade differ in looks—and they say that even his manners, talk, walk and speech resemble Wally's. Meade is playing in support of John Bowers and Marguerite de la Motte in "Hearts and Fists," a Film Booking Offices production.

Fred Nible, when he was making "Ben-Hur" in Rome, between scenes asked Carmel Myers, who played "Iras," what was her version of the meanest man in the world. Carmel thought for a second, then replied that the meanest would be the one who turned the girl's back to the mirror in a dancing scene. Now, "laif that off!"

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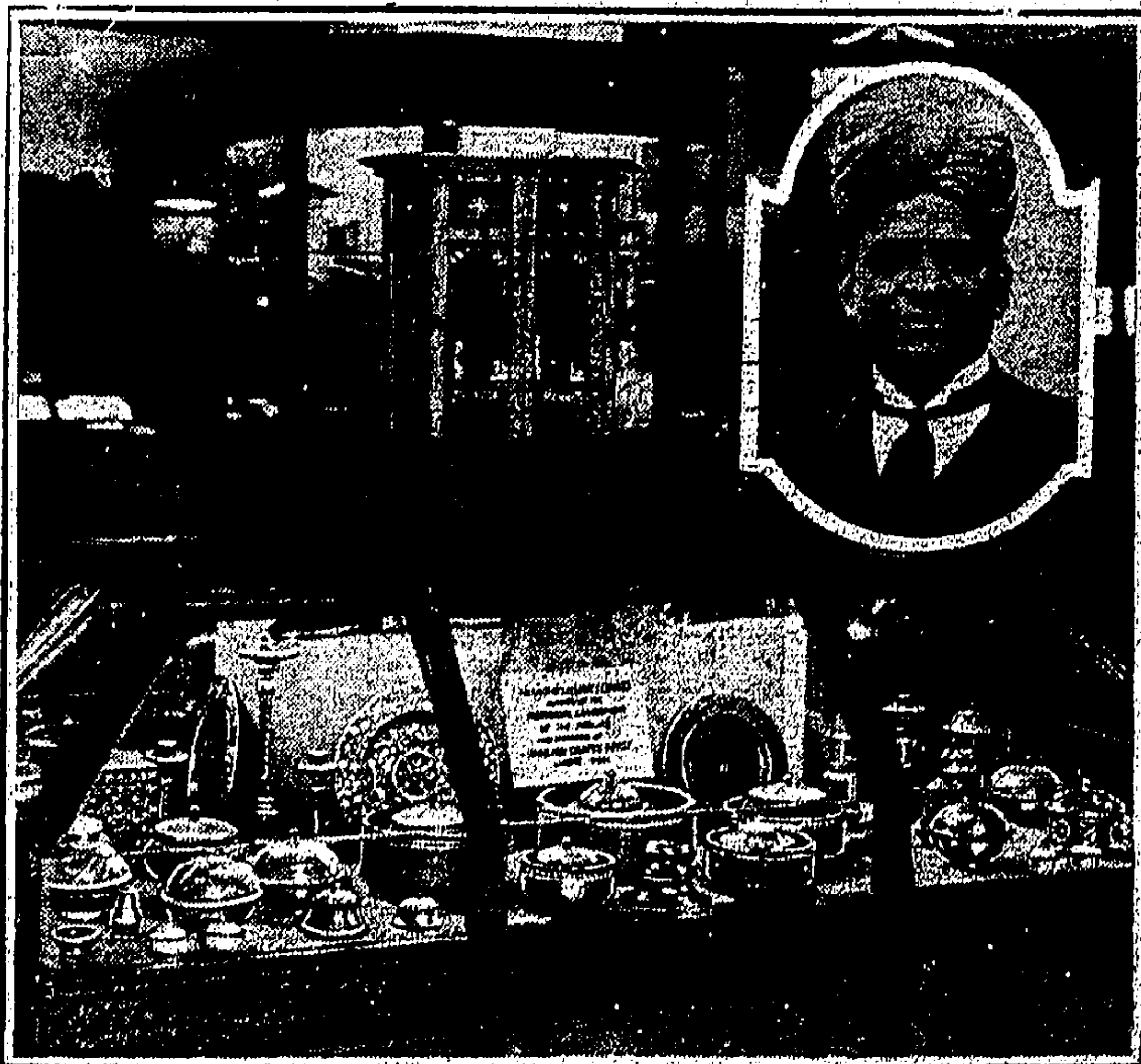
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Exhibits from India at Quebec Exhibition—India, The Bharat.
Dewan Bahadur Sir T. Vijayaraghavachari, distinguished Indian representative of the Madras Government at the Bihar Exhibition, is in the city. He assured E. R. Brune, director of exhibits for the C.P.R., who met him in Quebec, that he would see that the collection is added to on his return to India. Before the Dewan boarded the Canadian Pacific liner "Montcalm," he was abruptly about the preparation of his favorite Indian dishes.
"I am a vegetarian you know," he said, "and as a matter of fact my Indian curries and rice were better prepared on board the Montcalm than in generally the case of Indian dishes. I was greatly surprised at this."
The Dewan is a picturesque figure on the streets of the various cities he visited, wearing a native turban of crimson and silver. He anticipates crossing the continent on a lecture tour and visiting the Canadian Rockies, signalling the Canadians from a vantage point in his hotel in Montreal.
"Surely those aren't the Rockies?" During his trip across Canada he is making a study of conditions, for he believes that a complete understanding between India and Canada could only be reached through a knowledge of each other's conditions.
At Quebec, he was met by the Canadian Frontier and showed great interest in the display of

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People and Events in the News of the World



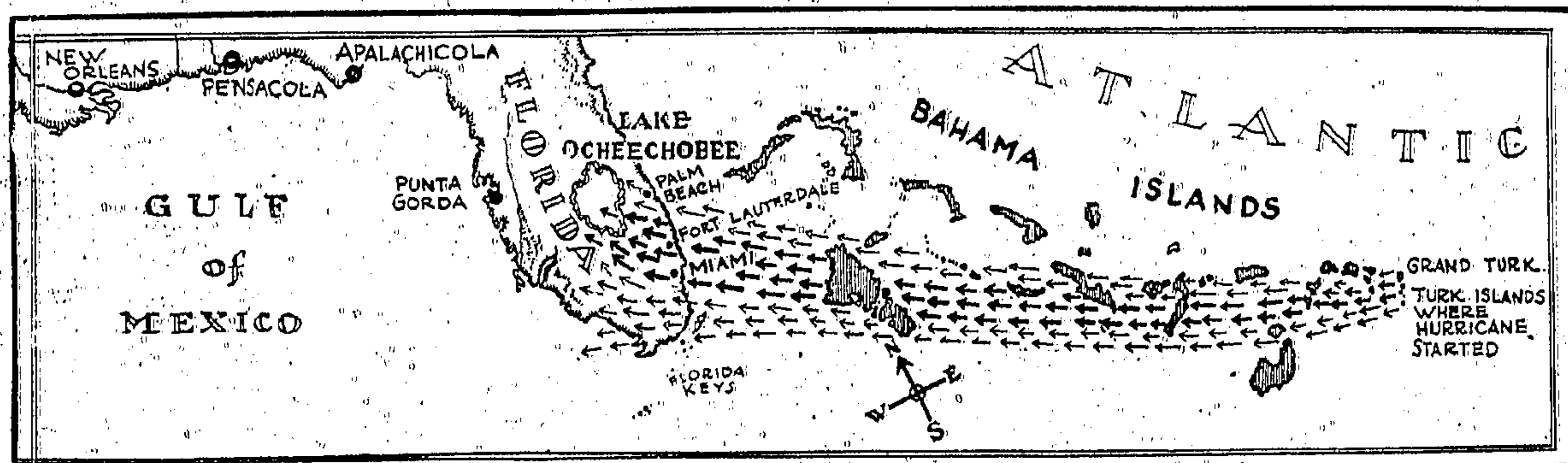
Mabel Joyce, show girl, was arrested in New York for the murder of James Caffery, her lover.



This was probably the last picture of Rudolph Valentino taken before his illness. It shows him at a New York hotel at luncheon with Jack Dempsey and Estelle Taylor just before the pugilist left for his training camp.



Harry Melosh, private detective, was expected to be an important witness in the investigation of the activities of Almeda Semple McPherson, Evangelist.



This map shows the course of the hurricane that, starting at Turk Islands, swept westward across Florida, leaving a trail of death and destruction.



RENE FONCK



ALLEN SNODY



HOMER PERRY



IGOR SIKORSKY

Captain Rene Fonck, assisted by Lieutenant Allen Snody and Captain Homer Perry, intended to fly from New York to Paris in an aeroplane, designed by Igor Sikorsky, but the machine crashed to earth incinerating two of the occupants.



Mrs. Henry Stevens stoutly defended her husband against insinuations that he was involved in the Hall-Mills murder in New Jersey.



New York Salvation Army workers are shown packing clothing for shipment to the hurricane wrecked districts of Florida.

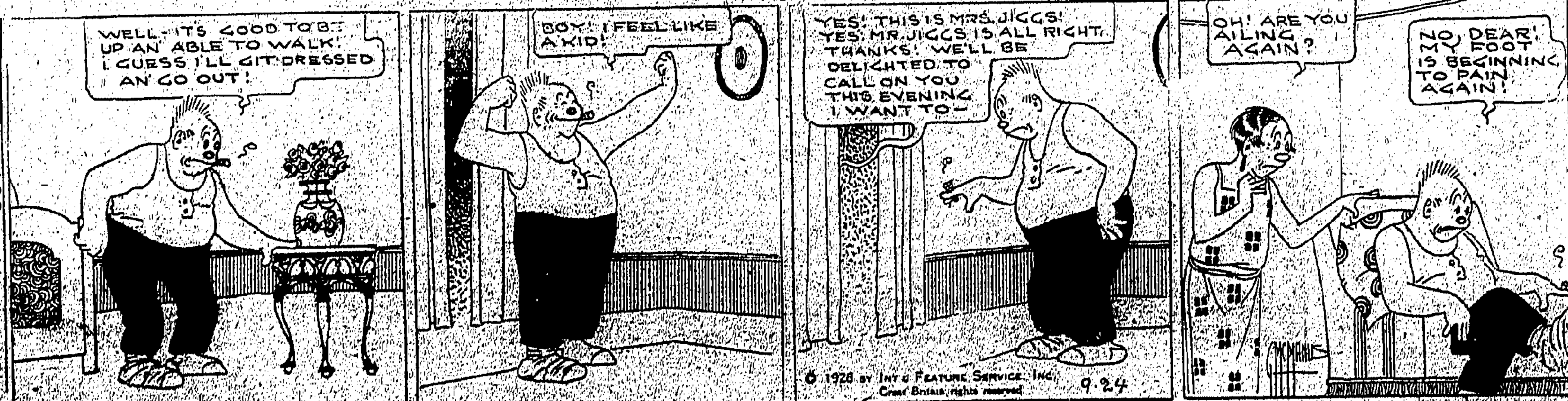
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SPORTS SECTION

TRAINING TIMES.

LADY LUCK'S EXCELLENT GALLOP.

CHANCE IN ST. LEGER.

[By "Patrol"]
There were a number of interesting gallops on Tuesday and Wednesday.

Hard ridden and under the whip, Sunburst Rose did excellent time for the mile and finished convincingly. This pony has improved at least 10 lbs. since the last annual meeting.

Home Call was fractious and even with his trainer in the saddle was apt to run wide, hence the relatively poor time.

Lady Luck did a sterling 10 furlong gallop and finished up in easily the best last quarter. Mr. Roza is likely to start favourite in the St. Leger with Brigade Call. The Goblin and Total Abstinence next in order of demand.

Most of the gallops were on the outside track. Those done on the inside (training) course are distinguished by the prefix of an asterisk.

There is no probability of serious training to-morrow. Last quarters and half-miles to wind up will be the order of the day on Saturday morning. My selections will be published in Saturday's issue. Training times follow:—

Tuesday.

*Blotting Paper (boy) 1 mile: 42.2, 1.19.2, 1.53.2, last quarter 34.1.
Sahib (Mr. Ralph) 3/4 mile: 38.1, 1.44.3, last quarter 30.3.

Fireworks (Mr. Gordon) 1 mile: 46.1, 1.33.3, 2.18.2, last quarter 34.1.
Rehabite (boy) 1 mile: 38.1, 1.17.2, 1.54.1, 2.26.4, last quarter 32.3.

Grey Streak (Mr. Gordon) 1 mile: 46.1, 1.32.2, 2.15.3, 2.50.1, last quarter 32.2.

The Goblin (Mr. Ralph) 1 mile: 39.1, 1.15.3, 1.51.2, 2.21.8, last quarter 30.1.

The Gomeril (Lt.-Com. Grant) 3/4 mile: 38.1, 1.14.3, 1.46.1, last quarter 31.2.
Brigade Call (Mr. Gordon) 1 mile: 37.1, 1.14.1, 1.48.3, 2.19.3, last quarter 31.1.

The Greaser (Mr. Ralph) and The Gnome (boy) 1 mile: 38.1, 1.15.1, 1.50.2, last quarter 31.1.

Grey Knight (Lt.-Com. Grant) 1 mile: 35.3, 1.11.1, 1.45.1, 2.18.3, last quarter 32.3.

Lady Luck (Mr. Roza) 1 1/4 miles: 36.1, 1.15.1, 1.52.2, 2.27.4, 2.57.2, last quarter 29.3.

*Demon Boy (boy) 3/4 mile: 40.2, 1.18.2, 1.51.3, last quarter 33.1.

Arabian Parrot (Mr. Roza) 1 mile: 35.1, 1.11.1, 1.46.3, 2.19.1, last quarter 32.2.

*Saracen (Lt.-Com. Grant) 1/2 mile: 33.1, 1.04.2, last quarter 31.2.

Wednesday.

Sunburst Rose (boy) 1 mile: 35.1, 1.07.4, 1.41.2, 2.12.3, last quarter 31.1.
Beldorney Star (Mr. Stanton) 1 mile: 40.1, 1.19.1, 1.57.3, 2.29.3, last quarter 32.2.

Boatman (Mr. Stanton) 1 mile: 37.2, 1.13.4, 1.47.2, 2.22.3, last quarter 35.1.

The Sand Piper (Mr. Stanton) 1 mile: 37.2, 1.14.1, 1.48.3, 2.20.2, last quarter 31.4.

*Rothsay (boy) 1 mile: 39.1, 1.17.1, 1.53.1, 2.26.3, last quarter 33.2.
September (Mr. Brodie) 1 mile: 39.1, 1.16.4, 1.50.2, 2.21.3, last quarter 31.1.

Dobbin (Mr. Brodie) 1 mile: 36.2, 1.10.3, 1.44.1, 2.16.1, last quarter 32.1.
Home Call (boy) 1 mile: 38.3, 1.13.1, 1.47.3, 2.22.3, last quarter 35.1.

The Regent (Mr. Brodie) 1 mile: 36.1, 1.10.4, 1.45.1, 2.17.4, last quarter 32.4.
Barley Grass (Mr. Brodie) 1 mile: 39.1, 1.15.1, 1.49.1, 2.20.1, last quarter 31.1.

Total Abstinence (boy) 1 mile: 35.3, 1.10.3, 1.43.1, 2.15.1, last quarter 32.2.
Loch Rannoch (boy) 1 mile: 37.1, 1.11.1, 1.45.1, 2.17.1, last quarter 32.2.

JOCKEY CLUB MEETING.

The next half-yearly meeting of the Hong Kong Jockey Club is to be held in the Jockey Club annexe on Nov. 18 at 12.30 p.m.

The following will represent the University in a hockey match against Club de Reccreio to-morrow at 5.15 p.m. on the University football ground:—A. A. Aziz (captain), Dr. F. R. Ashton, Lim Poh-hye, A. Suleiman, K. T. Loke, A. Baker, C. E. Yoh, F. Y. Khoo, V. Enok, F. M. M. F. Riptool.

The following will represent the Hong Kong Hockey Club in a match with the Royal Artillery on the Marina ground at 5 p.m. to-morrow: T. W. Southam, W. A. Noyes, L. M. S. Lloyd, G. Rankin, T. P. Saunders (capt.), White, F. G. L. Wheeler, J. Middleton-Smith, L. A. R. Duncan, W. H. Newman, and Nicholls.

BETS OR TOTE?

NO STARTING PRICES AT WINDSOR.

EFFECT OF HOME TAX.

There was practically no business at Tattersalls ring at the Windsor race meeting to-day.

Consequently it was impossible to return any starting prices.

This, it is understood, is due to the fact that bookmakers are unable to agree among themselves how the betting tax should be applied. The attitude of bookmakers in refraining from offering prices is generally condemned.

Opinion is freely expressed that their action is making the strongest possible case for the introduction of the totalisator.—Reuter.

Trouble Averted.

Later.

There is a strong disposition at the moment among bookmakers of Tattersalls to stay away altogether to-morrow.

Using the stone steps of the stand as a rostrum, several aggrieved bookmakers harangued the crowd and from bets drifted to politics with violent attacks on Mr. Winston Churchill (Chancellor of the Exchequer).

One man who shouted "We want the tote" had a rough time but the police piloted him to safety with no harm done.—Reuter.

ORGANISED BOYCOTT.

Threat—Till End of Flat Season.

London, Nov. 3.

It is now realised that the action of the bookmakers at Windsor, which threw the whole operation of betting at a standstill over the whole country, was an organised boycott.

Some threatened that this will be continued to the end of the flat racing season unless the tax is favourably altered.

No bookmaker is expected from Tattersalls at Windsor to-morrow, while it is understood a picket system will be organised to induce the public not to enter the rings.

Meetings have been held, or are being held, all over the country, appealing for support for the action of Windsor bookmakers to-day.—Reuter.

INTERPORT PRACTICE.

For the interport cricket match, the following took part in a practice on the H.K.C.C. ground yesterday afternoon:—A. C. I. Bowker, Capt. A. G. Dobbie, Sgt. Foden, E. C. Fincher, F. C. Goodwin, Captain Hankey, A. W. Hayward, H. Owen Hughes, S. A. Ismail, S. Jex, Major L. J. Lightfoot, Captain E. W. Morris, E. J. R. Mitchell, H. V. Parker, A. W. Ramsay, T. E. Pearce and R. Hancock.

Fogden is a new wicket-keeper but his arrival has not solved the problem of that position in the team. E. B. Reed was invited to take part but could not get away.

On Saturday, an eleven of "probables" (or "possibles") will meet the Royal Navy who have conceded the right of batting first.

FRIENDLY SOCCER.

H.M.S. "Hawkins" and Chinese Athletic played a draw of 2 goals all in a friendly soccer match on the H.K.F.C. ground yesterday.

Lam Yuk-ying scored from a penalty and Suen Kum-shun made the Chinese two up at the interval. The flagship scored twice in the second half.

M.C.C. TOUR CHANGES.

London, Nov. 3.

Major L. Isherwood (Sussex) and T. Pilkington, an old Etonian, replace A. W. Carr (Notts and Eng.) and Nigel Haig (Middlesex) in the M.C.C. team which is to tour the Argentine.—Reuter.

The following will play for the Hong Kong Cricket Club 2nd XI v. Kowloon 2nd XI on Saturday at 2.15 at Kowloon:—P. Jacks, H. J. Armstrong, J. D. Crawford, A. J. Hazeland, R. K. Hepburn, F. B. Jones, Lt.-Col. E. D. Matthews, S. J. Stanesby, H. J. V. R. Stevenson, C. D. Wales, J. R. Way.

VARSITY SOCCER.

INTER-HOSTEL LEAGUE MATCH.

LUGARD V. MAY.

Playing on the University ground on Tuesday, before a crowd of University enthusiasts, and amidst great excitement, Lugard Hall defeated May Hall by two clear goals in the inter-hostel football league.

The winning team comprised:—W. H. Sling, Y. C. Teah, E. C. Harrison, A. B. Suleiman, D. Laing, S. P. Lee, J. W. Barnes, H. N. Balhatchet, A. Rontgen, S. R. Kermani, I. Tajima.

Lugard Hall pressed at the beginning and within five minutes Barnes put in one from a mule in which the May Hall goalies never expected.

From then till half time play was rather even, both sides seeming dangerous directly they got the ball but failing to secure any advantage. Both the goalies, Sling and Sling, were well tested but in each case cleared.

On resuming, the play resembled that in the first half. Now and then the play concentrated in the Lugard half, but directly the Lugard forwards got the ball, they were dangerous. On two occasions Lugard were unlucky not to score, offside being given in both cases.

Both sets of backs had a hard time and both goalies were kept busy. A few minutes before time, Lugard got going and a scramble ensued near the May goal. Several of the forwards essayed pot shots and Rontgen was lucky in putting in one between the uprights. The final whistle went with the score 2-0 in favour of Lugard.

Lugard Hall would not have had such a strenuous time had Gutierrez, "the opportunist," played. He was crooked in last Saturday's league game. The stalwarts on the May side were the backs, particularly Lim, who played a wonderful game trying to keep the score down. Hung, the May centre-forward played well and was unlucky in not scoring. The combination of the Lugard XI was more in evidence and Laing distinguished himself as pivot. On the run of the play the result might have been a draw. Referee: Mr. H. Braga.

LEAGUE TABLE.

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Pts.
Lugard Hall	3	3	0	0	6
Morrison Hall	1	1	0	0	2
Elbow Hall	1	0	0	1	0
St. John's Hall	1	0	0	1	0
May Hall	2	0	0	2	0

BOATS' RACE.

"TREVESA" TROPHY DETAILS.

Held in Hong Kong twice a year to commemorate the feat of the crew of the s.s. "Trevessa," the trophy race organised by the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club was decided yesterday when a boat from the J.C.C.L. won.

Mr. E. W. Carpenter (Commodore of the Club) presented the trophy and a cup to the winning helmsman, who returned thanks. Mr. C. J. Quarles van Ufford, local manager of the J.C.C.L. also thanked Mr. Carpenter.

A prize presented by Mr. R. Sutherland for the first Jardine boat was won by the s.s. "Cheong-shing."

Ship's boats from the following competed:—

"Hing-sang," (Indo-China Co.) Mr. Neilson.

"Sai-sang," (Indo-China Co.) Mr. Osmund.

"Ming-sang," (Indo-China Co.) Mr. Sinclair.

"Cheong-shing," (Indo-China Co.) Mr. Rocks.

"Kwangchow," (C. N. Co.) Mr. Reid.

"Anking," (C. N. Co.) Mr. Harris.

"Tik-kang," (J.C.C.L.) Mr. Diorys.

"Tik-saroc," (J.C.C.L.) Mr. Koolstra.

"Tik-kang," (J.C.C.L.) Mr. W. D. Lovius.

"Tik-saroc," (J.C.C.L.) Mr. de Wijn.

"Haining," (Douglas) Mr. Dalziel.

"Haining," (Douglas) Mr. Bird.

"Linn," (B. & S.) Mr. Larter.

"Sunning," (B. & S.) Mr. Hurst.

The order of finishing was:—

"Tik-saroc," 1st; "Haining," 2nd; "Tik-kang," 3rd; "Tik-saroc," 4th; "Cheong-shing," 5th; "Haining," 6th; "Ming-sang," 7th; "Linn," 8th.

"Hing-sang," "Kwangchow," "Anking," "Tik-kang" and "Sunning" did not finish.

Driver of Steam Roller: "Will you be walking up and down there long?"

Policeman (haughtily): "What business is it of yours?"

Driver of Steam Roller: "Well, I want to know whether I'll have to roll it or not!"

VITALLY IMPORTANT.

(Continued from page 7.)

Hon. Mr. H. W. Bird.

The Hon. Mr. H. W. Bird said: I have little to add to the remarks which have been made on our behalf by the Senior Unofficial Member—I wish, however, to underline and supplement one item of his address and another from the remarks of the senior Chinese Member.

I should refer first to the suspension of the work of bringing water from Shing Mun across the harbour.

I hoped to have seen an adequate supply of water to this island well on its way to fulfilment before I left the Colony—this year's Budget, however, makes it clear that my hopes are not to be realised.

I crave the indulgence of this Council whilst I take you back a few years and recall what was said on February 2, 1918, at the opening of the Tytam Tuk dam and reservoir.

Our Water Supply.

The late Sir Henry May on that occasion said:—

"I can assure you that the Government has made up its mind that never again will the water supply be allowed to lag behind the increase of population—you see all this water behind this fine dam and you have heard the capacity of this great reservoir but you must not run away with the idea that because you have got so much water you can sit down and do nothing more—we have only made provision for fifteen years and the first thing we have to do after we have linked up the catchwaters, to which Mr. Chatham has referred, with this great reservoir, is to think out a scheme for building another reservoir three times as big."

That assurance and that forecast of 15 years was unfortunately, for within 5 years of the opening of that dam the Colony was short of water and on restricted supply—presumably because the increase in the population was underestimated.

I know, sir, you are deeply interested in this all important matter and I believe you are now looking round as Sir Henry May urged, to find a way to increase the storage supply on this island.

With all due respect, Sir, I consider that in doing so you are making a mistake—because whatever reservoirs are built on the island we are still dependent on the rainfall to fill them, whilst within our grasp is a supply of from three to five million gallons a day, and remember, Sir, issuing from a perennial spring and not subject to the caprice of rainfall—can we resist the temptation to close our fingers over it?

Slur On The Colony.

I have heard the arguments against this supply, but I consider they are outweighed by those in its favour, but three to five million gallons a day means that we can conserve that amount in our reservoirs, in other words we should always have a six months' supply stored on the island—it is a slur on this fine Colony that almost every year the population is put on a restricted water supply—often unnecessarily as it turns out—but nevertheless a wise precaution which has to be taken because of the uncertainty of our rainfall—we have had during my residence in the Colony an instance of two dry summers following one another in which case it is exceedingly difficult to fill our reservoirs from rainfall alone.

The sight of the long queue of men, women and children lined up with their tins and buckets waiting to draw water from the street hydrants is one of which we may well be ashamed.

I would ask you, Sir, not to reject this Shing Mun supply without giving the matter your further serious consideration—weigh carefully the advantages and disadvantages and I feel sure the balance will be in favour of this work being carried out.

Resumption Anomalies.

The other matter that I wish to refer to relates to Building Covenants and was raised by my Chinese colleagues.

I consider that the Government is not treating the purchasers of new lots quite fairly—for it imposes a fine, threatens and sometimes carries out re-entry for the non-fulfilment of the building Covenant on the part of the owner, whereas, in newly developed areas, the formation of the adjoining roads, laying of sewers, storm water drains, etc., which is the Government's side of the bargain is performed in a very dilatory manner. One can see on the mainland houses standing in a state of decay and with no proper means of access—those

owners have fulfilled their covenant but the moral obligations of the Government have not been carried out.

Hon. Mr. Bernard.

The Hon. Mr. D. G. M. Bernard then spoke as follows: I wish first of all to congratulate the Colonial Secretary on the able and clear speech he made in introducing the Estimates for next year and for the keen grasp of local affairs he has obtained in the short period he has been in Hong Kong.

He emphasised the importance of the harbour which, as he says, is "the cause and reason of the Colony's existence." I fully concur and will go further and say that everything must be done to encourage shipping to come here. This is a transshipment port and it is essential to keep all charges as low as possible otherwise there may be an inducement for steamers and cargo to avoid Hong Kong. While I do not propose to oppose the proposed charge for water supply to ships, I desire to protest against any further taxation on shipping—the Government may have in view for the future—it is dangerous.

The Honourable Member representing the Justices of the Peace, speaking on behalf of the Unofficial Members, has touched upon the proposed expenditure of \$230,000 at Kowloon Point but I would like to deal with this matter more fully. It naturally has a bearing on the future transport system in Kowloon and calls for a reference to the contemplated vehicular ferry service.

Vehicular Ferry.

There has been speculation as to whether it is proposed to leave this new ferry partly or entirely to private enterprise, and as there is nothing in the estimates for next year it must be the latter, unless the Government have decided to defer any expenditure on it until a later date. I trust that the Government will hasten its plans for the inauguration of this service.

Turning now to the motor bus services, the Government should settle on a definite policy. A few months ago in reply to a question I asked in this Council I was told that the Government considered it unnecessary to engage an expert from England to advise on the most suitable type of vehicle, and further that considerable experience of local conditions would be required before such expert would be in a position to give valuable assistance. And yet there is nothing to indicate that the Government has made much progress in the last 6 years, and the fruits of the Government's deliberations are not to be expected for another 3 years.

Kowloon Buses Questions.

In 1920 the Government favoured motor buses, in 1921 and 1923 tramways, and in 1924 motor buses again. I understand that while the plans matured, some buses were to be allowed to operate, and that that is the position to-day, except that provided a suitable type of vehicle is put on the roads they will be permitted to run for at least 3 years more. Does this indicate a change from the policy announced in the "Gazette" of March 28, 1924, in reply to questions in this Council?

The passengers carried by the Star Ferry Company have increased very largely during the past few years. In September last there were 3,500 season tickets issued, which is an increase of 114 per cent. over the same period in 1920; other first class passengers averaged 5,000 per day, an increase of 113 per cent.; third class 9,000, an increase of 32 per cent. although 3,000 less than 2 years ago.

This question of communications is of primary importance to a growing city like Kowloon; rapid, comfortable, cheap, and adequate transport is absolutely necessary to distribute the population and ease the congestion in the central districts.

It is to be hoped that in making the alterations at Kowloon Point the Government is providing for the development of the future, whether that will be trams, railways, trams or buses; and I ask that the ideas of the Government be laid before this Council at an early date and an opportunity given for discussing them.

Imports and Exports Office. I am not satisfied that the Imports and Exports Office fully justifies the large expenditure incurred.

Will the Government state: (1) the estimated cost for the year for the branch responsible for searching steamers for opium and illegal drugs; (2) the number of seizures of (a) opium, (b) other drugs, this year and in the preceding two years; (c) other seizures; (d) the number of seizures carried out under such conditions.

LOCAL SHARE MARKET.

OFFICIAL QUOTATIONS.

HONGKONG, NOVEMBER 4, 1926, 10.30 a.m.

Name.	Hongkong Stock Exchange.	Hongkong Sharebrokers' Association.	Estates Brokers' Share & Bond Society.
T.T. on London	11 3/4	11 10/56	11 10/56
T.T. on Shanghai	79 1/2	79 1/2	nom
Banks.			
Hongkong Bank	116 1/4/70 3/4	116 1/2	116 1/2
do. London	117 1/2	117 1/2	118 1/4
Chartered Bank	121 1/2	121 1/2	121 1/2
Mercantile Bank, A. & B. do. C.	120 1/2	120 1/2	120 1/2
P. & O. Bank	121 1/2	121 1/2	121 1/2
Bank of East Asia	120 1/2	120 1/2	120 1/2
Marine Insurances.			
Canton Insurance	630	625	625
China Underwriters	145	150	145
North China Insurance	145	145	145
Union Insurance	206 1/2	207	207
Yangtze Insurance	30 1/2	40	30 1/2
Fire Insurances.			
China Fire Insurance	200	200	—
H.K. Fire Insurance	610	610	610
Shipping.			
Douglases	20 1/4	20 1/4	20 1/4
Hongkong Steamboats	20	20	20
H.K. Tugs & Lighters	2 1/2	2 1/2	2 1/2
Indo-China (Pref)	30	30	30
do. (Def)	42	42	42
Shell Transport	100	100	100
Star Ferries	67	65	65
Water-boats	15	15	15
Refineries.			
China Sugars	26	26	26
Malayan Sugars	35	35	35
Mining.			
Benguet	144	144	144
Kailan Mining Ad.	38 1/2	42 1/2	47 1/2
Lengkat (Combined)	144 1/2	144 1/2	144 1/2
do. (Single)	144 1/2	144 1/2	144 1/2
Shanghai Exploration	144 1/2	144 1/2	144 1/2
Shanghai Loan	144 1/2	144 1/2	144 1/2
Raub	45 1/2	30 & 35	5
Tronoh Mines	88 1/2	80 1/2	80 1/2
Ural Caspian	81 1/2	—	—
Docks, Wharves, Godowns, &c.			
H.K. & K. Wharves	125 1/2	123 1/2	125
H.K. & W. Docks	50	58 & 59	60
Hongkows	117 1/4	117 1/4	117 1/4
New Engineering	117 1/4	117 1/4	117 1/4
Shanghai Docks	117 1/4	117 1/4	117 1/4
Lands, Hotels & Bldgs.			
H.K. & S. Hotels	10	10	10
Hongkong Lands	65	64 1/2	63 1/2
Hongkong Realty	0	0 1/2	5
H.K. Territorial	4	4	4
Humphreys Estates	16	16	16
Prince's Building	80	87	—
Rural Lands	1 1/2	—	—
Cotton Mills.			
Ewo Cottons	110.20	110.10	10
Oriental	13.10	3.15	3.20
Shanghai Cottons. (old)	154	55	54
do. (new)	128 1/2	28	28
Miscellaneous.			
Canton Ices	5	5	5
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do. (old)	9	9 1/2	9
do. (new)	7	2 1/2	1 1/2
China Buses	0 1/2	—	—
China Lights (comb.)	21	10	10 1/2
do. (old)	14 1/2	13 1/2	14
do. (new)	11 1/2	11	11
China Prov.	5.40	5.40	5.40
Dairy Farms	19	18	18 1/2
Der A. Wing	6	6	—
Hongkong Amusements	134	134	13
H.K. Constructions	1 1/2	3	2
Hongkong Electrics	64	64 1/2	63 1/2
H.K. Ropes (comb.)	26	—	30
do. (old)	10	10	10
do. (new)	5	5	5
Hongkong Tramways	2.43	2.43	2.43
Lane, Crawford	8	7	6 1/2
Macao Electrics	35	—	—
Mackintosh	19 1/2	—	—
Nanyang Tobaccos	—	9	—
Peak Trams (old)	15 1/4	16	17 1/2
do. (new)	7.60	8	7 1/2
Sinceres	9 1/2	9	9
Singapore Trams	15/9	14/6	15/1
Taxis	2	1 1/2	1 1/4
United Asbestos	—	600	—
do. (Founders)	—	18	—
do. (Ordinary)	30	14 1/2	13 1/2
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The Church Body of St. John's Cathedral has approved of a scheme of scholarships (tenable at Central British School, Kowloon) for choir-boys of the Cathedral.

Peking, Oct. 27.—The Chinese Customs Commission at its meeting to-day drew up a decision recommending the transfer of the Customs fund now deposited in the Russo-Asiatic Bank to a native bank upon liquidation of the former. The matter was duly communicated to the Department of Finance.

The Rev. Lee Kanyan, vicar of St. Stephen's Church, (for Chinese), which is just below the University, has seven orphans and two blind men in his care. He would be very glad of gifts of clothing or blankets, says "St. John's Cathedral Notes." Gifts may be sent either to the Cathedral Chaplain to direct to Mr. Lee.

The three Chinese sentenced to death at the September Criminal Sessions were executed at the Victoria Jail yesterday morning. A fourth who was condemned to death was reprieved by H.E. the Governor following a recommendation to mercy handed in by the jury. Major C. Wilton and a jury held a formal inquest on the executed men yesterday afternoon, when the customary verdict was returned.

Three Leyland buses, with accommodation for 25 to 30 passengers, the first of the three consignments for operation on the Kowloon Roads, will arrive here towards the end of the month. They are those already reported as having been ordered from England by the Kowloon Motor Bus Company. Another consignment of Leyland buses, which is to follow, will be for the China Motor Bus Company, and a shipment of Dennis buses will shortly reach the Colony for the Kai Tak Motor Bus Company.

The proprietors of the Pioneer Silk Store have kindly donated a handsome Haori coat which they are raffling on behalf of the funds of the Ministering Children's League. Tickets for the raffle (\$1 each) may be obtained from Mr. Rupchand, the manager of the Store. The coat, which was especially chosen by Lady Clementi, is on view and may be inspected by intending purchasers of tickets for this most deserving charity. Mr. Rupchand has also donated 500 boxes of chocolates which will be sold at the forthcoming bazaar.

Confirmation classes are being held at present at St. John's Cathedral.

The annual camp of the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps commences at Fanling to-morrow and ends on Dec. 19.

Wednesday's list of local notifiable diseases comprised one Dutch case of scarlet fever from Kowloon; two cases of enteric fever (one Chinese and one British, imported).

An Mui, 32, jumped off motor bus No. 112 a little too soon. Although the bus driver took him straight to the Kwong Wah Hospital, Kowloon, he died a few minutes after arriving there.

The Church Body of St. John's Cathedral has authorised the following special collections:—Nov. 11, Actors' Church Union, 9.45 a.m.; St. Dunstan's Home for Blind Soldiers and Sailors; Nov. 21, The Victoria Diocesan Association; Dec. 5, British and Foreign Bible Society; Christmas Day, Diocesan Schools; Jan. 9, Church Missionary Association. Those who are unable to be present on the dates mentioned are asked to send contributions to the hon. treasurer or to the chaplain.

As will be seen from our advertising columns, M. and Mme. Your Yourlo, the Russian dancers who have been appearing with much success during the past week at the Cafe Restaurant Parisien, are presenting an entirely new programme at that popular cabaret on Saturday evening. Patrons are particularly requested to reserve their tables for Saturday evening's dinner-dansant well in advance. With their unique and unlimited enterprise, the management assure visitors of a pleasant and well-spent evening.

Calcutta, Oct. 13.—The absence of any untoward incident on the occasion of a Hindu religious procession early this morning is a happy augury for numerous other processions to follow in the next few days in connection with the Bengali Paja Festival which commenced to-day and will continue until November 5. With the communal riots of recent months still fresh in the memory the authorities, as well as the public, are alive to the existence of a tense communal situation in the city which is likely at any moment to culminate in widespread disorders during the Paja processions.

Tokyo, October 26.—Admiral Takarabe, minister of the navy, announced that he strongly favoured auxiliary vessels as superior to aircraft for purposes of defence.

Philadelphia, October 26.—The maintenance of the present tariff and a "sound tax system" were declared to be necessary to the continuance of prosperity, by Charles S. Dewey, assistant secretary of the treasury, in a speech before the Philadelphia Association of credit men to-day. He reiterated on behalf of the treasury that it was too early to consider another tax reduction, although a larger surplus than previously was estimated \$185,000,000—was in sight for this fiscal year.

Peking, Oct. 22.—In addition to the mandate reaffirming the opium prohibition act the Government addressed a telegram to the Chinese commercial organisations in Shanghai, denying that it has established an opium monopoly in Peking. The message says that the Government has gone on record more than once as favouring strict enforcement of prohibition and that it will never go back on its word of honour, seeing that the matter affects the international faith of China.

The following appointments were made by the Secretary of State for the Colonies during the month ended September 10:—Hong Kong: Mr. F. K. Ewart, Assistant Master, Education Dept.; Miss E. Riley, Miss N. C. Pakenham Walsh, and Miss D. Lewis, Nursing Sisters, Straits Settlements; Mr. P. G. Boyd, Assistant Master, Education Dept.; Miss D. A. Peck, European Woman Teacher, Federated Malay States; Mr. D. P. Stokes, Assistant Superintendent of Customs; Miss M. Bunanan, Nursing Sister.

Mukden, Oct. 27.—The Chinese Customs authorities yesterday suddenly notified the Consuls that the provision respecting the issuance of certificates for the exemption of double taxation upon foreign and domestic goods which was stipulated some 18 years ago, would be abrogated, that certificates regarding goods to be exported to non-commercial ports in China would not be issued, and that the taxation would be imposed as from November 1 of the present year. As this move on the part of the Chinese authorities seriously affects all import and export merchants, the Consuls are devising counter-measures.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL NEWS.

Chang Hsiao-liang has made a decision at the Fengtien Conference that he will not go forth to battle for the time being nor will he do so until Feng Yu-hsiang invades Tsaharh says a telegram of October 21, from Peking.

The forthcoming wedding is announced of Major Grey Launsbury Peterson, R.A.S.C., Hong Kong, to Mrs. Geoffrey Lee Crofton-Smith (née Gladys Elyot), of Hartford House, Hartley Wintney, Hants, England.

The management of the Palace Hotel, Kowloon, announce that a dance, to which ladies are cordially invited, will be held on Saturday evening. The Black and White Syncopated Orchestra has been engaged and those attending are promised an enjoyable evening.

Archdeacon H. Phillips of Fukien on September 30 attended a large gathering under the auspices of the Church Missionary Society, at the Central Hall, Westminster, to bid farewell to 131 missionaries who are returning to their stations in all parts of the world, accompanied by fifty-five recruits.

The marriage of Syed Mohamed bin Omar Alsagoff with the daughter of the late Dato' Mantri Besar of Johore, was duly celebrated on October 21 at Bukit Azah, Johore. There was a large number of friends present including many Europeans and Chinese, and the presents were many and costly. The father of the bridegroom gave a grand reception at Bukit Tunggul, Singapore. Many leading Singapore and Johore residents were invited to be present on the occasion.

The King has approved the appointment of Captain Cloudesley Varyl Robinson, R.N., as naval attaché to H. M. Embassy at Tokyo and to H. M. Legation at Peking, vice Captain G. C. C. Royle, C.M.G., R.N. Captain Robinson completes 30 years' service in January. "He was landed as a midshipman of the 'Orlando' during the Boxer War in 1900, and from 1921 to 1925 was captain in charge at Singapore, so that he is already acquainted with the Far East. Captain Royle concludes three years at Tokyo on January 5 next.

At King Edward Hotel, a carnival ball will be held by H.M.S. "Hermes" to-morrow night.

A dance at Messrs. Lane, Crawford's restaurant is to be held by the Kowloon Cricket Club at 9 p.m. to-morrow.

Messrs. J. F. and N. C. Macgregor, the governing directors of the well-known firm of Messrs. Caldbeck, Macgregor and Co., are staying at the Repulse Bay Hotel, Hong Kong, for a short visit.

The Victoria Diocesan Association is to hold an "at home" on Nov. 15. Those who have not received invitations and wish to be present should communicate with Mrs. C. R. Duppy, Bishop's House, Nov. 21 is to be observed as Victoria Diocesan Association day.

Dinner dances are now held at the Hong Kong Hotel roof garden and ball room from 8 p.m. to 12 midnight every night except Sundays. Dinner is at \$3.50 per head or may be had a la carte. Popular tea dances are also held in the roof garden from 4.30 p.m. daily (Sundays excepted) for which admission is 50 cents.

Prince Asani, of Siam and Dr. Francis B. Sayre, son-in-law of the late President Wilson and Foreign Affairs Adviser to the Siamese Government, have arrived in America. The Prince being en route to Cambridge (Massachusetts) to take a course in the Brown-Nichols School preparatory to Harvard University. He is 19 years old; and Dr. Sayre is being educated in America to prepare him "to play some constructive part in the development of his country," says a message from Seattle.

Estate in Hong Kong valued at \$327,100 was left by Mrs. Isabella Bell Irving, of Milbank, Locherbie, Scotland, who died on August 10, 1925 and letters of administration in respect of whose estate have now been granted to the Hon. Mr. D. G. M. Bernard, appointed attorney. Deceased's husband, Mr. John Bell Irving, formerly of Hong Kong, who died ten days before her, left property in the Colony amounting to \$1,713,360. This estate was also administered by the Hon. Mr. D. G. M. Bernard.

Sir William Henry Hyndman Jones, of West Cliff-road, Bournemouth, formerly Lord Chief Justice of the Straits Settlements, who died on August 20, aged 79, left estate of the gross value of \$9,662, with net personalty \$2,506.

The late Mr. George Gordon Grierson, J.P., of Hone-terrace, Edinburgh, advocate, a director of the Kuala Lumpur Syndicate, Limited, in addition to considerable real estate and personal estate in Great Britain, left £50,545.

Sir Frederick Lugard was the guest of the Authors' Club on October 4, when he spoke of questions of education, methods of government and labour in Africa. At the close, Mr. Paul King, late of the Chinese service, paid a tribute to what he described as the wonderful work Sir Frederick and Lady Lugard did in Hong Kong.

One of Mr. Baldwin's most frequent visitors since his return from Aix has been Major Nathan, who, as the directing genius of the Peking Syndicate and other ventures, stands for a large slice of British interests in China. "Mr. London," writing in the "Daily Graphic" on October 6, says that not only does he speak several Chinese dialects fluently, but he is also possessed of an amazing knowledge of the workings of the Oriental mind. As a Government adviser at Downing-street he has more than once influenced our Eastern policy.

H. E. Phya Sarasastr, Siam's Chief Highway Engineer, who represented Siam at the Highway Conference held in Paris, has returned to Siam. It is understood in Bangkok that he will be appointed Commissioner General of Railways at an early date, in succession to H. R. H. Prince Kambseng Bejra. His Excellency was educated in England, at Oundle School, Northamptonshire. Afterwards he entered the Royal Indian Engineering College, Coopers Hill, and passed out in 1906. Then he proceeded to America and took up a post graduate irrigation course in the California University, and returned to Siam in 1907.

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"VITALLY IMPORTANT"**SHING MUN SCHEME AND HONG KONG.****Government's 1927 Policy.****UNOFFICIALS' CRITICISM AT TO-DAY'S BUDGET DEBATE.**

The Government's policy for 1927, as foreshadowed in the Budget speeches, was reviewed by Unofficial members of the Legislative Council at to-day's meeting.

Criticism was directed against the announced intention not to proceed with the scheme to provide Hong Kong with water from the Shing Mun Valley, the need of which was said by the Hon. Sir Henry Pollock to be "vitally important."

Chinese representations were for the application of the liquor duties to European wines and spirits.

The intention of the Government to rebuild the Government Civil Hospital on an adjacent site was also criticised and the view expressed that from all points of view a new location, such as Morrison Hill was more desirable.

Further information is asked for concerning the increased fees charged at Government Hospitals; also for expenditure on education, the cost of which department for 1927 is estimated at a figure largely in excess of the current year's.

Information is asked for concerning the policy of the Government in regard to provision for a cross-harbour vehicular ferry and for motor buses to cope with the demands of an increasing population in Kowloon.

An appeal was made by the Chinese senior member for increased protection of what is termed as the practice of Chinese searches on the wharves to demand "squeeze"; also for an amendment of policy regarding resumptions which, it is claimed, have hitherto purchases at boom prices more particularly in some cases the promise of the Government with regard to communications and institution of other conveniences has not been fulfilled.

Sir H. Pollock:

Following the completion of formal business before the Council, the Hon. Sir Henry Pollock addressed the Council as Senior Unofficial member.

Sir Henry spoke as follows: As spokesman of the Unofficial Members of this Council I have the following remarks to make upon the Estimates for 1927.

Obviously the recent weakness in silver and exchange points to our expenditure for 1927 being heavier than that which has been calculated by the Government at the rate of two shillings to the dollar.

As regards the water supply, we notice that the Estimates for 1927 do not provide for the bringing of the water from the Shing Mun Valley across the harbour as was originally intended; and we are disappointed to find that the Colonial Secretary's remarks, in introducing the Budget, contain no reference whatever to so important a matter as the securing of an adequate water supply for the island of Hong Kong.

Island Water Supply.

It is good news to hear that the first portion of the Shing Mun Valley scheme will "place the water supply of Kowloon and of our shipping beyond any probability of shortage for an indefinite period," but we think that steps should promptly be taken to put the island of Hong Kong in an equally satisfactory position; for, as you, Sir, are well aware, we have, notwithstanding repeated increases in our water supply on the island during the past 25 years, constantly found ourselves under the necessity (in some cases for periods of several weeks at a time) of having a restricted water supply in certain districts of this Colony—a procedure which is not only inconvenient but also contrary to the interests of Public Health.

We, therefore, consider it of vital importance that the original intention to carry the pipe-line across the Harbour should be proceeded with forthwith.

Hospital, Etc., Expenditure. As regards the proposed increase of staff in the Medical Department, we should like to have further information re the nature and extent of the "radiological work," which is apparently intended to take up the whole time of one new Medical Officer.

Whilst dealing with the subject of hospitals, we desire to state that we consider the Government Civil Hospital ought not to be rebuilt above its present site and suggest instead that it be rebuilt on what remains of Morrison Hill (after reclamation requirements have been met), as being a more open and less noisy and cooler situation; the present hospital accommodation for Chinese in the Central and Western Districts, namely, the Tung Wa Hospital, the Alice Memorial and Affiliated

Hospitals and the Chan Yuk Hospital being in our opinion, sufficient for the requirements of the inhabitants of those districts.

Incidentally it may be remarked that the suggested change of situation will place a very valuable central site at the disposal of the Government.

Hospital Charges.

In connection with the same subject, we are not prepared at present, and without further explanation, to endorse the proposed increase of charges to 1st and 2nd class patients at Government hospitals, concerning which the only information given in the Colonial Secretary's speech is that the increases are the result of "representations which have been made by the local Medical profession." We desire to be informed of the reasons which induced the local Medical profession to make those representations, because any addition to the cost of hospital attendance is most undesirable.

Port Development.

In connection with the proposed reabsorption of the Port Development Department into the Public Works Department, whilst, on grounds of economy, we agree to such reabsorption, we trust this will not mean that the important subject of harbour development will be relegated into the background, and we hope that steady progress will be made in developing the foreshores of this Colony to meet the requirements of the future.

We also trust that the somewhat cognate subject of town planning will be kept steadily in view, as we are convinced that this Colony must continue to grow and we want to be well forward with the preparation of sites and drainage and sewers for future development which is bound to come, instead of falling behind as has been apparently the case in regard to the Kowloon Tong Scheme.

Kowloon Tong Scheme.

Whilst speaking of that scheme and fully realising that the Government is bound to carry out fully its obligations in connection therewith, we cannot refrain from pointing out that it has been a most costly scheme from the point of view of expenditure of public moneys. By adding together the total estimate for the work to be done we arrive at a total of nearly one million two hundred thousand dollars in connection with the Kowloon Tong scheme, which amount, spread over the proposed erection of 250 houses, comes to the large expenditure by the Government of \$4,800 per house.

Bathing Facilities.

We regret to find that the Estimates for 1927 contain no provision for the carrying out of the recommendations of the Bathing Beaches Committee, and we trust that the words "the report involves considerable investigation" are not meant to imply that the Government contemplates shelving the recommendations of that Committee.

We should like to know whether the Sanitary Board recommendations in respect of increased bathing accommodation for the working classes are to be carried out; and, if not, why not. Ample bathing accommodation for working men seems to us very desirable.

Increased Education Provision.

With regard to "Education Department \$1,158,943," we notice that the cost of this Department for 1927 is to be greater than for 1926 and that it exceeds to a very considerable extent the expenditure on each of the following departments, namely: the Medical Department and the Sanitary Department.

In connection with Education, we should like to know: (1) The cost of running King's College and Queen's College respectively, and (2) the amount of fees received in 1925 from each of those institutions.

In connection with Public Works Extraordinary we notice a proposed vote of \$44,000 for the building of a new school at Cheung Chau. This sum seems to us to be unnecessarily extravagant if it is intended, as we presume, will be the case, to use local labour and local stone for the

construction of the building. We understand that the present Hall in which the school is functioning cost only \$7,000 to build.

Economy Suggestions.

In connection with economy, we would remind the Government that true economy consists in the carrying out of work on economical lines, provided that efficiency is not interfered with, and especially in the matter of roads it seems to us that there is a disposition to be somewhat too lavish in expenditure. Members of this Council will recollect a saying which it was found possible to effect in the surfacing of the roads connecting Nathan, Road with Coronation Road.

We trust, therefore, that the Government will afford the Unofficial Members of this Council every opportunity for investigating the proposed expenditure of \$230,000 on "improvements to Kowloon Point (near Star Ferry Wharf)" and also on the proposed expenditure of the large sum of \$85,000 for surfacing the road to the Kowloon Hospital. What type of surfacing is to be used in the case of the latter item, and in the case of item 92 on page 82? We should also like particulars of the proposed method of laying out the site of the Kowloon Hospital.

Chatham Road Extension.

We should also like further information regarding the Chatham Road Extension as the proposed remaining expenditure seems a large amount.

We also wish to know whether the proposed expenditure of \$50,000 on To Kwa Wan Road and site formation will complete that work.

In regard to item 45 ("contribution by Government towards fund for Reclamation") of which the estimated expenditure for 1927 is to be \$200,000, we desire to be informed what is now the contract date for the completion of that reclamation and whether it is anticipated that such payment of \$200,000 will complete the Government contribution to that fund.

In this connection we may add that it would be a great convenience to Unofficial members if, in all cases in the Estimates in which a Budget vote is to complete work on the particular item in question in the ensuing year, a footnote to that effect were inserted.

New Posts Criticism.

In spite of the strict necessity for economy, we regret to note that new posts are being created in addition to those which have been agreed to by the Unofficial members—a course which seems to us inadvisable under present circumstances. One page 16 of the Abstract showing differences of expenditure between 1926 and 1927, we notice that, whilst there is to be a saving by abolition of posts of \$189,911, new posts will cost \$442,719.

On the question of markets we should like to know whether item 54 "Market at To Kwa Wan" and item 70 open market at Kowloon City comprise all the new markets, which have been recommended by the Sanitary Board, or, if not, why the construction of the further markets is not being proceeded with.

Morrison Hill Development.

As regards "Morrison Hill Development" Retaining Wall and storm water culverts, on which the estimated total expenditure is \$196,000, we should like some assurance from the Director of Public Works that the proposed expenditure of \$10,000 in 1927 is regarded as sufficient to ensure the efficiency of the retaining walls and of the storm water culverts to cope with any heavy rain storms there may be in the year 1927. We ask this question because the public confidence in the efficiency of retaining walls and storm water culverts has been much shaken by the results of the heavy rain storms of recent years.

"Unjust" Contribution.

In connection with rainstorms, we consider that it is most unjust that the amount of revenue which we require to raise in order to meet the sum of over a million dollars which we have to expend in making good the damage done by the phenomenal rainstorms in July last should be subject to military contribution, and we desire to protest against the system whereby the Home Exchequer thus benefits by this Colony's misfortunes.

In connection with the storms of this summer, we desire to place on record our cordial appreciation of the excellent work done by the officials in the Public Works, Harbour and Sanitary Departments and by the members of the Police Force.

In conclusion, whilst our above remarks have necessarily mostly been of a critical character in regard to matters of detail, we desire to congratulate Your Excellency and the officials of the Government upon the comparatively good showing made by our re-

venue in the difficult times through which we have been passing, which is a sure proof of the soundness of the general lines on which our revenue is based.

Sir Shou-son Chow.

The Hon. Sir Shou-son Chow addressed the Council as follows, stating that all the views and observations which he was about to offer were shared by his Chinese colleagues.

Arising out of the item "Assessed Taxes" on page 4, I should like to bring to Your Excellency's notice the fact that the Assessor has in many cases placed a higher valuation in tenement houses than the actual rents which are yielded by them, warranted. It may be that he based his valuation upon what he considered the rent should be, instead of what was actually received. In recent years, the policy of the Government—as is evidenced by the Rents Restriction Ordinance, only recently repealed—had been to keep down high rents, but this action of the Assessor's tends, and in fact has already tended in many cases, to the opposite effect.

The Liquor Duties.

On the same page the item "Liquor Duties" is estimated to yield only the same amount as was estimated for 1926, although an additional \$600,000 is anticipated from the higher duties just imposed on Chinese wines and spirits. It would be interesting to know on what basis the high estimate for the current year was made, and why such estimate is not expected to be realised. Representations have been made to us not only by native wine dealers but also by individuals not interested in the trade, that while the duties on native wines and spirits have been heavily increased, those on European liquor have practically been left untouched. We submit that if our revenue must be increased, no better way could be found than heavier taxing of the more expensive type of liquor which is often all luxuries.

While on the subject of increased taxation we congratulate the Government on its wise decision not to introduce new taxation in directions other than the levy of a higher impost on wines and spirits. This Colony has been through nearly two years of a trade depression unprecedented in its severity, and any new taxes of a general nature will retard its recovery.

Chinese And Meters.

Arising out of the item "Water Excess Supply and Meter Rent" on page 9, our attention has been drawn to the fact that over 200 applications for the installation of meters in Chinese houses have not been granted, in spite of the promise made to the Chinese Community by the Hon. Mr. A. G. M. Fletcher when acting as Colonial Secretary three years ago, that meters would be granted to those who would apply for them, irrespective of the type of houses for which they were required. We should be glad if some explanation is given by the Hon. Director of Public Works for his action.

In connection with the item "Land Sales, Premises on New Leases," we crave permission to address Your Excellency on the subject of the imposition of heavy fines, or even the resumption of the land, for breach of the building covenants covering Crown lands purchased from the Government. We have already made representations to Your Excellency, but we are asked by those concerned to bring the matter before you on this occasion, so that you may be pleased to make a public announcement of your policy. We trust that that policy will be a liberal one.

Typhoon Help Appreciation. May I, on behalf of the Chinese Community, lay emphasis on the appreciative comments of the hon. senior unofficial member on the good work done by the Harbour Department? On the 22nd July, when the typhoon was at its height, the Government tug "Kau Sing" rendered assistance to the "Pawnee" which had broken adrift from her moorings, and to the "a.s. 'Confucius' which had grounded in Kowloon Bay. Again in the typhoon of the 26th September it towed to safe anchorage the "Sui Tai" which had dragged her anchor. It also stood by the "Tang-tan" and "Milton" which had come into collision. Subsequently it picked up 35 persons from junks. The Chinese Community is most grateful to the master and crew of this vessel for its splendid work, and to the Harbour Master for the prompt action he took in connection with the rescue work.

My Chinese colleague and I would like at the same time to express our high appreciation of the valuable work done by the Police and by the District Watch Force in maintaining peace and good order during the last two most trying years. In this connection we would draw attention to the pleasing fact that in spite of the very heavy and multifarious duties devolved on it, the maintenance of a large quasi-police force, and the control and management of several large Chinese institutions, the Department of the Secretary for Chinese Affairs is run at the comparatively low cost of about \$75,000 a year.

Searchers And "Squeeze." Having now given credit where credit is due, it is our unpleasant duty to report to Your Excellency that we have received many complaints that Chinese searchers on the wharves have been in the habit of demanding "squeeze." This complaint is not new, for I remember that about five or six years ago the late Mr. Lau Chu-pak drew attention to it in this Council, but we are informed that the practice has become worse during the last eighteen months. We know how difficult it is to detect and prevent such malpractices, but we hope that the energetic Captain, Superintendent of Police and the Superintendent of Imports and Exports will do everything in their power to put down this evil which has become a crying scandal.

In the estimates of the Education Department we notice that the salaries of 58 Anglo-Chinese masters and 40 Vernacular masters rise from \$700 to as high as \$4,300 per annum each. If the increase is automatic without regard to efficiency, the system is wrong, and the maximum salary is far too high. We should like to know at the same time whether it is the intention of the Government to apply the same scale of salary to other branches of the subordinate service.

Vernacular Education. The Chinese are viewing with increasing satisfaction the greater importance attached to Vernacular education since Your Excellency's assumption of office. Large as the cost of education is, as has been pointed out by the honourable senior unofficial member, my Chinese colleague and I do not grudge it, provided it is conducted on sound principles. It is the opinion of a large number of Europeans as well as Chinese that at present we do not get full value for our money, and the whole system of our education may need overhauling. It is an undoubted fact that political propaganda has been introduced into some of our schools, and we hope that the Government will take early and energetic action to prevent it taking root. Fortunately we have a Director of Education who possesses vision and sympathy, and may be depended upon to see that the education of our youths is conducted along healthy lines.

Chinese And Water. The honourable senior unofficial member has spoken of the necessity for an adequate water supply to the city. We strongly endorse his remark. Whenever there is a water famine, it is the Chinese—and the poor Chinese—who suffer most, and suffer first.

On every occasion of a restricted supply we see long crowds of poor people, including women and children, struggling around the street hydrants in order to get a bucketful of water, some of them waiting for hours before they can succeed, and some not succeeding at all. The water carriers, taking advantage of the situation, charge as high as 50 cents for two buckets of water, with the result that some poor families earning small wages have to pay from \$10 to \$15 a month for obtaining a bare supply for their wants.

We therefore urge that, no matter what other minor plans the Government may have in mind for increasing the supply on the Island, no matter what reasons the Government may have for not proceeding with the Shing Mun Scheme, some scheme for bringing water across the Harbour should be carried out as soon as possible. If necessary, such work can be financed by means of a loan. As I said in this honourable Council in 1923, it would be well for us to pass such a loan on to posterity, for the work which it finances will benefit succeeding generations no less than the present; and such an undertaking is in reality a form of permanent investment of capital.

True Economy. In asking the Government to embark upon this scheme without any unnecessary delay, we wish it to be clearly understood that we are not advocating uneconomical expenditure. On the contrary, we have on two similar occasions strongly recommended a policy of strict economy. True economy does not consist in the postponement of essential public works, but in the prudent use of money, and the reduction of all expenses to their lowest possible limit with due regard to efficiency.

In conclusion my Chinese colleague and I desire, on behalf of the Chinese Community, to express our most grateful thanks to the Government for the assistance it has rendered to the business community by means of the Trade Loan. Without it, the Colony would not have been able to weather the severe economic storm that has afflicted it. This action of the Government was undoubtedly a stroke of wise statesmanship which will have a lasting beneficial effect. We owe the initiation of the Loan to our late Governor Sir Edward Stubbs, and to you, Sir, for having so sympathetically broadened its base so that its benefits could reach the largest possible number.

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CORRESPONDENCE.

SHALL WE PLAY OR SHALL WE PRAY.

(To the Editor of the "China Mail.")
Sir,—Your correspondent appears to have lost the whole point originally raised by "Ionides" and subsequently taken up by the present writer and others. Whether or not Armistice Day should be observed as a day of joy or as a day of sorrow, was not the point originally raised. The point brought forward was that of leaving the Cenotaph or Cathedral and almost immediately proceeding to do false noses and, if the expression was not actually used, it was inferred, become intoxicated.

For my part, I adhere to my original contention, i.e., that it is a day of mourning; the one day in the year when we should mourn those gallant sons of the Empire who laid down their lives for the King and Country.

Armistice Day is a day of solemn remembrance. A day when we offer our humble thanks to Almighty God for victory won and our heartfelt gratitude to the men who were our shield and defence in the day of the ordeal. We go before God in order that we may remember those who gave all that men can give—life itself—for God, for King, for Empire, for loved ones; home and country, for the sacred cause of justice and for the freedom of the world. We go before God to honour those who died and to pledge anew our determination of their sacrifice, and to realise the idea for which they died.

It is a day of solemn remembrance, and desperately we need it. For we have forgotten and we need to be reminded again. Remember how they said to us: "This war has made an end of class distinctions, now, thank God, people will realise that it is what a man is alone that counts. Should we not remember again that day when we walked with them down the valley of the shadow of death, when they were taken and we were spared to come back. And we were resolved that we would live for noble things and work for a better world—striving to make our lives count for useful and unselfish service. Have we forgotten that when they fell we resolved that henceforth we would shoulder their burden?"

As an eminent preacher once remarked, we need them again to come in their shadowy legions, their tens of thousands to march again the highways of the world, till no one can miss their presence. Then, perhaps, what they died for will be attained. To come in their splendid manhood just as last we saw them, before the end came. . . . the poison gases of St. Julien; at the mine craters of St. Elou, in the grim struggle among the falling tree trunks of Sanctuary Wood and Hooge, in all the long agony of the Somme, all up the slopes of Vimy and in the mud and blood of Passchendaele.

Gladly they died in the War to end wars; to make the world safe for its people. They paid, but the bargain is not fulfilled. Eight years have passed since they paid in full and even their comrades have almost forgotten—the peace they bought has not been delivered.

Yours, etc.,
MONITOR.

Hong Kong, Nov. 4.

AT THE QUEEN'S.

"HER SISTER FROM PARIS" FOR THREE DAYS.

Constance Talmadge will appear at the Queen's Theatre from to-day till Saturday in a bright and breezy production, "Her Sister from Paris" which gives an intimate picture of life behind the scenes in romantic old Vienna.

Constance plays two distinctly different roles, one a lovely but timid young housewife and the other a brazen, boisterous Parisian dancer. The two characters are twin sisters.

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In this disguise she charms him so completely that he even elopes with her, but awakens from his fascination in time to realise that he loves, after all, none but his own wife.

As the story unfolds, entrancing glimpses are shown of life in the homes of Vienna, and behind the scenes of the theatres. The concluding sequence takes place in a lonely old tavern in the forest, relics of the ancient days of old Viennese gaiety.

Constance is supported by a noteworthy cast headed by Ronald Colman, George K. Arthur and Gertrude Claire. Sidney Franklin, who has directed some of her greatest successes, directed this new starring vehicle.

The story is an original by Hans Kraly.

POPPY DAY.

WHAT EARL HAIG'S FUND STANDS FOR.

HONG KONG'S EFFORT.

There has been the usual controversy at home and abroad on the proper method of observing Armistice Day about which there will always be conflicting opinions.

There can, however, only be one opinion as to the desirability of contributing to the Poppy Day Fund but it is, nevertheless, interesting to know how the funds raised by Earl Haig's appeal are disbursed. The allocation of the amounts subscribed is in the hands of the British Legion Benevolent Committee, which sits under the personal chairmanship of the Field-Marshal, who has presided over every meeting of this Committee.

In every instance the work undertaken by the British Legion is designed to assist ex-Servicemen and women, either collectively or individually, in the solution of those problems with which they are confronted as the result of their war service.

Wide Range of Help.

Not only does the Legion relieve distress amongst ex-Servicemen of all ranks, their dependants, and the widows and children of the fallen, but it aids them in establishing their claims to pensions, finds them employment, advances money, free of interest, to set them up in business, facilitates emigration; gives them free legal and other advice in respect of housing, employment, and kindred matters, and (to quote Earl Haig's own words) assists generally "to preserve brave deserving men from calamity, to encourage and comfort them in their temporary adversity, so that they can implant in their children the true British spirit, which in the greatest crisis of its history, saved our Empire from misery and ruin."

The provision and maintenance of these vital services obviously requires a considerable staff, and a small percentage of the money raised through the Appeal Fund is allocated by the Benevolent Committee to the British Legion's General Funds for Headquarters and Area Administration, full particulars of which are contained in the annual report of the British Legion, a copy of which is available to anyone interested.

Hong Kong's Contribution.

The arrangements for the sale of Poppies and the collection of funds locally are made by a small sub-committee and, needless perhaps to say, there are practically no administrative charges. There are always a sufficient number of charming and public spirited ladies prepared to sell Poppies on November 11 and it is really wonderful how readily help is forthcoming from all classes where required. The support obtained is by no means confined to any one section of the community, as the Portuguese and Chinese are not only generous in their contributions, but actively assist in the organisation so as to ensure the success of the Committee's efforts.

Earl Haig's message to the local branch of the British Legion indicates that he appreciates the very trying time we have had but Hong Kong will, it is hoped, prove that with its back to the wall it can still render great assistance to one of the Empire's most deserving causes.

At a time like this one is reminded of the following lines by Sir Henry Newbolt.

The Service.
Have we not all one freedom,
lost and found
When to one service body and
soul are bound?
And is not life itself, if seen
aright,
A great emergency, an endless
fight
For all men's native land, and
worth the price
Of all men's service and their
sacrifice?

**The Brotherhood, the Service,
Life at War.**
These are the bonds, that hold
where heroes are.
These only make the men who
weary not,
The men who fall rejoicing, self-
forgot.

**My friends, I do not ask for
men like these
A little dole, a little time of
ease.**

**For them and all who love
them, all who mourn,
And all that to their faith shall
yet be born.**

**I ask you this—take them for
what they are,
Your Comrades in the Service,
Life at War.**

—Contributed.

FRAUD CHARGE.

SHIPPING-MANAGER IN TROUBLE.

BAIL REDUCED.

Tong Kai-chin, 38, who described himself as the manager of the Wang Lee Shipping Co., Bank of Canton Building, appeared on remand before Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy yesterday afternoon, charged with obtaining money from a number of Chinese with intent to defraud.

According to the evidence for the prosecution, accused is alleged to have engaged a number of persons for various appointments upon vessels of which he described himself as the owner and to have received sums varying from \$30 to \$500 as security from his alleged victims.

Det. Sub-Inspector C. R. Fallon prosecuted on behalf of the Police, whilst Mr. G. R. Haywood defended the accused, in the place of Mr. F. H. Loseley, who had appeared for the defence at the previous hearing.

The first witness called yesterday was Mr. C. Braun, of Messrs. Shawan, Jones & Co., who stated that he first met the defendant a few weeks ago when he called at witness's office and asked for information with regard to the s.s. "Kong Ning" with a view to purchasing same. Witness gave accused a letter to the master of the vessel.

Captain's Evidence.

Mr. John McDonald, who described himself as a master mariner, formerly master of the s.s. "Kong Ning", said that the accused came to his ship about a month ago and asked to look over her with a view to purchase. He appeared satisfied and asked witness if he could find him a chief engineer and a chief officer. Witness recommended two men who were subsequently engaged by the accused. Witness agreed to continue to act as master of the vessel but received no instructions as to sailing. He visited defendant's office a few days later and was informed that the vessel had been purchased for \$90,000. Later he saw the real owner who told him that the accused had been taking nonsense and gave him instructions to "chase everyone off the ship."

Cross-examined by Mr. Haywood, witness said that he did not think that any arrangements had been made. He formed the opinion that the accused was a thief.

Counsel: Do you know that certain documents were actually drawn up in the office of Messrs. Hastings, Denny and Bowley?—No.

Counsel: When you were asked to engage a chief officer and a chief engineer, did you go to your owners?—No. Well, I may have done so. I used to go there frequently.

Bail Forthcoming?
Counsel: From his conversation, would you say that he gave you the impression that he had bought the ship?—Yes. He was most plausible.

Counsel: I cannot go any further to-day. Your Worship will realise that I have only just received instructions. I am quite in the dark.

The Magistrate: If your client chooses to change horses in the middle of the stream he must put up with the consequences.

In applying for a reduction of accused's bail which had been fixed at \$5,000 and which he had been unable to secure, Mr. Haywood said that he felt that there could be no reason why it should not be reduced; \$5,000 was somewhat prohibitive.

His Worship: He has apparently got away with \$1,230. I think however, that I shall be prepared to reduce bail to \$1,500 cash and two sureties of \$2,000 each.

It is understood that bail was immediately forthcoming.

THE WEATHER.

Until noon to-morrow the local weather forecast is:—fresh N.E. winds, fine.

At 11.20 a.m. to-day the Observatory reported:—Pressure is highest over the Yangtze Valley. It has decreased moderately over S.W. Japan and slightly over the Loochoos, Luzon, Tongkin and the lower Yangtze Valley. It has increased moderately at Chefoo and is nearly stationary at other reporting stations. The typhoon appears to be nearly stationary about 260 miles E. of Manila.

Meteorological observations at 6 a.m. to-day:—barometer 30.07; temperature 62; humidity 46; wind N.N.E., force 4; weather, blue sky.

London, 6th October: The "Catholic Times" states that the Holy See has accepted the resignation of the Archbishop of Bombay, Dr. Goodier, owing to ill health.

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MARRIAGES.

HENDERSON—PRENTICE.—On October 2, 1926, at Symington, Paris Church, Harold Russell, third son of Sir Frederick and Lady Henderson, to Emma Adams, eldest daughter of the late Thomas Prentice and of Mrs. Prentice, Symington House, Lanarkshire.

MUSCOMBE—ORMISTON.—On September 29, 1926, Vernon Hetley, son of Mr. Alf. Muscombe, of Lloyd's, to Kathleen Frances Eliza (Angel), only child of Mr. and Mrs. Evan Ormiston, of Crossways, Sunninghill, Berks., late of Hong Kong.

SWORDER—BARCLAY.—On Feast of St. Michael and All Angels, at St. Peter's, Berkhamsted, Gerald Hope Sworder, Federated Malay States, to Beatrice Alicia Mabel, second daughter of the Vicar of Birtley, Co. Durham.

DEATHS.

ADAMSON.—On October 3, 1926, at 1, Stanhope-road, Highgate, Dame Margaret Adamson, widow of Sir William Adamson, C.M.G., aged 91.

LAMBERT.—On September 29, 1926, at Chiatsso, Honan, Alexander Chester Lambert, Medical Officer, Peking Syndicate, Ltd., younger son of the late Colonel Edwin A. C. Lambert, aged 54.

PARRY.—On October 1, 1926, at a Nursing Home, Ronald Aldridge Parry, third son of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Parry, Third Avenue, Hove, Sussex, aged 23.

SILAS.—On September 28, 1926, at 48, The Drive, N.W.11, David Silas, late of Shanghai, in his 75th year.

Hong Kong, Thursday, Nov. 4, 1926.

CIVIC APATHY.

There can be no possible analogy between the free and independent electors at home and the inarticulate community in Hong Kong. The former have the privilege of a vote for Parliamentary and municipal elections—a privilege obtained at the cost of a hard and bitter fight; but to-day they make light of that privilege. The result is apathy right throughout the country, only fifty per cent. taking the trouble to go to the poll in the municipal elections.

If civic administration receives a set-back during the ensuing months the absentee electors on polling day will have only themselves to blame. Whilst no comparison can be made between conditions at home and out here, the experiences of a Sanitary Board election and a Legislative Council election among the Justices of the Peace indicate that the very limited degree of franchise enjoyed here indicate the reverse of civic apathy. That in itself may be regarded as advancing the claim for an extension of the franchise either in respect of the Legislative Council or by the creation of a Municipal Council. There is much work to be done in a Colony of the size of Hong Kong of a purely municipal nature—work that could best be tackled by a Municipal Council with a Municipal staff. With few exceptions Civil Servants rarely make ideal Municipal officers; they are reared and trained in quite a different atmosphere, albeit many of them are wonderfully adaptable when shifted from pillar to post in the Government Service.

Perhaps it is taking a too optimistic view of the local civic spirit to judge that quality merely by the result of contested Legislative Council and Sanitary Board elections. What about the interregnum? Is the evidence of civic interest at times other than electoral sufficient to applaud the community as a whole? Without seeming to encourage any tendency to cry "stinking fish" and to "boom" other places at the expense of our own, it may be asserted that as a community there is a lack of initiative, of vim, and of enterprise. There is ever noticeable a tendency to leave the "other fellow" to take the lead. There is too often a spirit not only of apathy and indifference, but of sheer laziness—if others care to get up an agitation for this, that, and the other thing, why let them! Half a dozen topics could be mentioned at random showing where appeals for support in making representations to the authorities have left the great majority of the community stone cold. Give it, on the other hand, a mass meeting with a beating of the big drum, and a flow of eloquence sufficient to move a boulder, and the result will be amazing—until a brief period of a week or a month elapses and the embers of enthusiasm have burned out.

There can be no genuine test of civic apathy or of the civic spirit here under existing conditions. And there is little to be gained by speculating on what phase would be uppermost were conditions to be otherwise than they are. We can only welcome the few rays of the true civic spirit when they do filtrate through the fog of local problems, hoping that they will shine long enough to make for a brighter Hong Kong eventually.

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KASHMIR	8,005	13th Dec.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
KALYAN	8,134	24th Dec.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka and Yokohama
ARAFURA	6,000	4th Jan.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
MOREA	10,918	7th Jan.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
DEVANHA	8,155	8th Jan.	Shanghai & Kobe
KASHGAR	8,005	21st Jan.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
NELLORE	8,853	21st Jan.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
MANTUA	10,902	4th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
TANDA	6,956	8th Feb.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama
MONGOLIA	16,504	17th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
NYANZA	7,023	18th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
MACE DONIA	11,120	4th March	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
ST. ALBANS	4,500	8th March	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama
DEVANHA	8,155	13th March	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
KARMAHA	8,007	18th March	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
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"WETS" ELATED.

RESULT OF NEW YORK
REFERENDUM.

STATE OPTION FAVOURED.

New York, Nov. 3.

The "Wets" are greatly heartened at the result of the New York State referendum, where a majority of 110,000 favoured the request to Congress to authorise each State to determine what percentage of alcohol is intoxicating.

An almost identical proposal appears to have been passed in Illinois by a large majority, whilst Wisconsin favoured 2.75 per cent. of beer by a majority of two to one.

The issue is not always so clear in other States, but the majority, in voting for a modification of the law, showed a "wet" trend.

Proposals to repeal the present State laws and enforcing Prohibition were apparently carried in California and Montana, whilst Nevada overwhelmingly voted a resolution denouncing the present Federal law and demanding a fresh amendment of the United States Constitution as regards Prohibition.

Missouri and Colorado appear to have voted down measures aimed at a modification of the State laws.

—Reuter's American Service.

"WET" ELECTIONS.

REPUBLICANS' SHAKY POSITION.

New York, Nov. 2.

Illinois voted heavily wet. The Republicans lost Oklahoma Senate seat, and in eight other States, they are trailing behind the Democrats or holding on by shaky majorities.

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NEW SENSATION.

WAS WRONG PERSON LYNCHED
IN BOLOGNA?

REMARKABLE STATEMENT.

Paris, Nov. 3.

A remarkable statement is made in a Genoa telegram to the "Paris Midl" that the boy Zamboni was not the real assailant of Mussolini but was lynched when he was frightened by the sound of the shot and tried to flee.—Reuter.

FRONTIER FRICTION.

ITALIAN AND FRENCH
ENCOUNTERS.

London, Nov. 3.

French-Italian friction has been as a result of recent incidents notably on the Franco-Italian frontier station, Ventimiglia, where it now appears that Italian Fascist militiamen beat a number of French railwaymen to the ground, and undressed their caps while a band was playing a Fascist hymn.

Subsequently a Fascist managed to enter the French Consulate and tried to make a speech from the balcony but was arrested. There has also been a hand-to-hand encounter between French ex-service men and Italian Fascists at Beauchet.

The French newspapers are impatient. The "Right" Press, which has been urging a meeting of M. Briand and Signor Mussolini to discuss Franco-Italian relations generally, contends that these incidents have increased the need of such a conference.—Reuter.

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Brogas 1.60

Rukit Jelotonga 1.05

Rukit Katils 1.10

Changkat Serdangs 10.30

Connemaras 2.80

Glennalls 2.00

Indragiris 10.60

Jerams 1.80

Jimahs 2.75

Kedahs 4.60

Kempas 0.70

Kuala Sidims 1.80

Lunas 4.05

Melaka Pindas 2.00

Nalakkoffe 5.10

Mandai Tekongs 80

Mayfields 15.75

Mestakabs 60

New Serendahs 5.00

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HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

THE HALF-YEARLY GENERAL MEETING OF MEMBERS will be held in the Jockey Club Room, Hong Kong Club Annex, on THURSDAY, 18th November, 1926, at 12.30 p.m.

By Order,
C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.
Hong Kong, 4th Nov., 1926.

ARMISTICE DAY.

1926.

THE 'British Legion' has been asked to furnish a contingent for the ceremony at the Cenotaph. Will those willing to attend please send their names in to me by MONDAY morning 8th November.

R. E. CABLE,
Hon. Sec. British Legion.
G. C. H.
Hong Kong, 3rd November, 1926.

HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

THE FIFTH EXTRA RACE MEETING will be held (weather permitting) at Happy Valley on SATURDAY, 6th November, 1926 commencing at 2.30 p.m. The first ball will be rung at 2 p.m. The charge for admission to the Public Enclosure will be \$1. for all persons including Ladies.

Soldiers and Sailors in uniform half price. Members are advised that they must show their Badges to obtain admission to the Members' Enclosure.

Each member has the right to introduce 2 non-members to the Members' Enclosure, tickets for whom can be obtained from Messrs. Linstead & Davis at \$5. each up to FRIDAY, 5th November, 1926. The charge for admission for Ladies to the Members' Enclosure will be \$2.—Each member can obtain, upon application to the Secretary, Badges for the admission of 2 Ladies free of charge. Hong Kong, 30th October, 1926.

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ANNUAL FETE.

SATURDAY, November 20, 1926, to be held in "Government House Grounds." (By kind permission of H.E. The Governor at 2 p.m.)

Owing to the fact that the Hong Kong Jockey Club Race Committee have fixed the date of their First Extra Race Meet in November on the 6th of that month, the President of the H.K.W.G. and M.C.L. has decided in the best interests of all concerned to postpone the M.C.L. Fete until Saturday, November 20th, as His Excellency the Governor and Lady Clement have very graciously and kindly consented to allow the date to be changed.

The Fete will be opened by Lady Clement at 2 p.m. Wonderful Side Shows and many attractions.

The Pastoral Play (produced by Mrs. Chatter (the Dances of which are being arranged by Miss Violet Capell) will be held from 3 to 4.30 p.m.—weather permitting.

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Admission into grounds for Fete—Adults and Children 50 cents.
Admission Free:—M. C. L. children Members, sailors and soldiers in uniform, Scout & Guide helpers.

Admission to Pastoral Play—Adults \$2 Children \$1.
Tickets sold before Fete opens to be obtained (including admission to grounds and to Pastoral Play) for Adults \$2. Children \$1.

Tea may be obtained at 50 cents per head.

Hong Kong, 2nd November, 1926.

\$500 NOTE CASE.

MR. JUSTICE WOOD RESERVES JUDGMENT.

ARGUMENT CONCLUDES.

At yesterday afternoon's hearing of the case in which a Chinese lady sues the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank in respect of a mutilated \$500 bank note on which they refuse to make payment, Mr. Justice Wood said he would consult the authorities and adjourned the case sine die.

Mr. Potter, quoted numerous authorities in support of his case, as outlined in our issue of yesterday. Dealing with our local currency, Mr. Potter said that it was a bank note currency and the banks issuing notes had a system whereby they checked their notes. The moment one was taken out of circulation it was destroyed and the Government notified. The Banks were then authorised to issue new notes to take their place.

Mr. Potter submitted that the number was a material part of a bank note. The principles involved in the case were so extraordinarily serious that the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation had no option but to contest the case. "It would have been much cheaper for the bank to have paid the \$500 but the principle forced them to do otherwise, as the creating of a precedent would be disastrous.

The case was one of a note being mangled by the carelessness of the plaintiff, said Mr. Potter. After quoting the authorities and citing cases, Mr. Potter said that not a single textbook on bills of exchange introduced the doctrine on which Mr. Fitzroy (counsel for the plaintiff) had relied.

M.C.L. BAZAAR.

SUCCESSFUL EFFORT AT HELENA MAY.

On behalf of the Ministering Children's League, a sale of work was held yesterday at the Helena May Institute under the direction of Mrs. King, acting for Mrs. E. D. C. Wolfe, assisted by numerous lady workers.

The knitted woolies and other articles of juvenile wear met with a ready sale as did raffle tickets for draws, the sale of which continues until all are sold. The financial results were very satisfactory and, together with the proceeds of the Dance at Police Headquarters, will make a welcome addition to the funds of this well known charitable organisation.

SUNRISE AND SUNSET IN HONG KONG FOR NOVEMBER, 1926.

(Standard Time of the 120th Meridian, East of Greenwich.)

Date	Sunrise	Sunset
November	a.m.	p.m.
" 4	6.29	5.45
" 5	6.29	5.44
" 6	6.30	5.44
" 7	6.31	5.43
" 8	6.32	5.43
" 9	6.32	5.42
" 10	6.33	5.42
" 11	6.33	5.42
" 12	6.34	5.41
" 13	6.34	5.41
" 14	6.35	5.41
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" 17	6.37	5.39
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" 29	6.45	5.38
" 30	6.46	5.38

FELL 30 FEET.

YESTERDAY'S HEAVY CASUALTY LIST.

FIVE CHINESE VICTIMS.

Five accidents to Chinese figure in late reports to the Police yesterday.

Serious injuries to the head were sustained by a lad who fell 30 feet whilst engaged in cleaning a chimney. He was taken to the Government Civil Hospital.

Caught By Explosion.

Misjudging the timing of a dynamite explosion at Stubbs Road, another Chinese, aged 24, sustained injuries to the head which necessitated his removal to hospital.

A middle-aged Chinese who fell into the hold of the s.s. "On Hing" and sustained injuries to his head was also taken to hospital in a serious condition.

As a result of accidentally taking rat poison, a seven years-old Chinese girl, of Ko Shing Street, is now an inmate of the Government Civil Hospital.

Drowned At Sea.

The master of the river steamer "Sui An" has reported to the authorities that at three o'clock on Monday afternoon, while the steamer was on the way to Macao from Hong Kong, a second-class Chinese passenger jumped overboard. A lifebuoy was thrown to him and a boat lowered. The man, however, was dead when picked up, although he was hanging on to the buoy. On the arrival of the "Sui An" at Macao, the body was handed over to the Portuguese police.

The kindly mission worker was visiting a prison in the West of England when she encountered among the inmates an old acquaintance, a youth from her own village. "Why, Jim," she exclaimed, "is it possible I find you in prison?" "Yes, mum," replied Jim. "I was caught stealing some groceries at Mr. Abel's store."

The mission worker sighed. "Just fancy you, Jim—never!" she sadly murmured. "Well, I am surprised."

"Yes, mum," said Jim. "And so was I, you bet, or I shouldn't be here."

THE MALARIA PROBLEM.

Time was when quinine was believed to be a positive cure for malaria and that the larger the dose the more powerful was its effect. Now these theories have been proved erroneous. Whilst quinine is still recognised as an exceedingly useful drug administered in small doses in cases of malaria, its use in excess is condemned by the medical profession. In fact one eminent authority stated not long ago that overdosing with quinine actually reduces the sufferer's chance of cure.

The chief thing to do in treating malaria is to improve the quality of the patient's blood by increasing the red corpuscles therein, so that it, in turn, becomes strong enough to overcome the malarial parasites which thrive and multiply with amazing rapidity in impoverished or anaemic blood. It is because they do exactly this that Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, the world-famous blood builder and nerve tonic, have proved so remarkably successful in the treatment of malaria and are so popular in malarial countries.

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FIRST TOURNAMENT OF THE SEASON.

SATURDAY, November 6th, at 9.15 p.m.

THEATRE ROYAL.

MAIN EVENT: 15 Rounds Contest for the Welterweight Championship of the Colony.

A. B. EWING,
H.M.S. "Hermes"

v.
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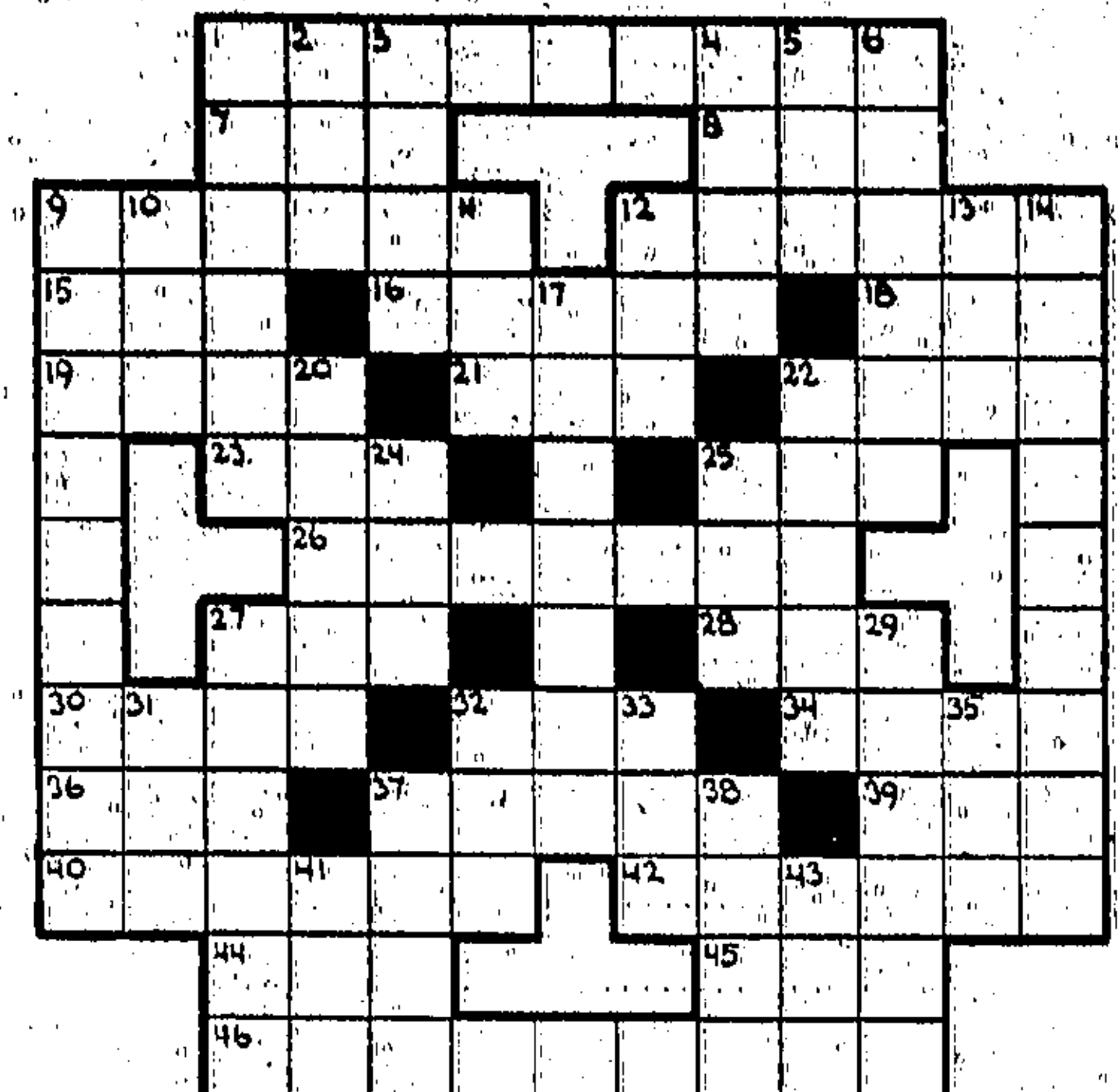
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OUR CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



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HORIZONTAL	HORIZONTAL (Cont.)	VERTICAL (Cont.)
1-Garrulous	36-Above (contr.)	12-Pig-pen
7-Western	37-Veins of ore	13-Before
8-Continuous clamor	39-Past time	14-That which causes to avert
9-Rings musically	40-Win back	17-Seasoned
12-Tolled	42-Excessive fear	20-Italian river
15-Possessive pronoun	44-Age	22-To dwell upon
16-Dull from lack of use	46-Alkali solution	24-To fondle
18-Anger	48-Struggled in a disorderly manner	25-Turkish governor
19-Bird's home		27-Flat-bottomed freight boats
21-A month		29-Divided with
22-A kind of meat	1-Desire for water	31-Perceive
23-A small fish	2-To point	32-Male oild
25-A river bottom	3-Sly look	33-Moist
26-Deer	4-Almestly	35-Self
27-Wager	5-By way of	37-One who falsifies
28-Aye	6-Coveted	39-Auction off
30-Absolute monarch	8-Railway employee	40-Portion of a circle
32-Stitch	10-Color	45-A grain
34-Charpen	11-Amount	

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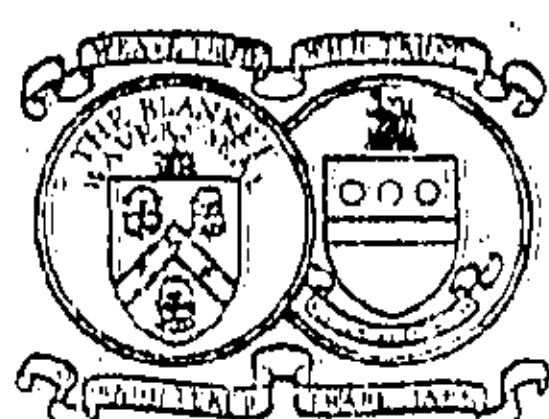
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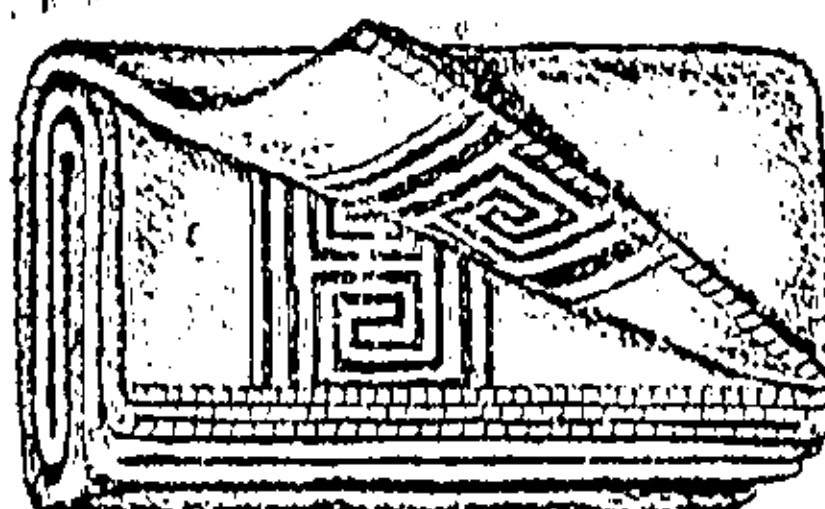


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BOYCOTT NEWS.

UNSYSTEMATIC SEARCHING
OF SHOPS.

NOV. 3 FIXED.

The city Chamber of Commerce in Canton has circulated memoranda that pickets searching shops for stocks of "certain" goods (meaning British) are not to be recognised unless authorised by the Committee of the Association for Severance of Relations.

This circular is the result of members of the Foreign Goods' shop fobis' union carrying on high-handed action by sending out their own searchers and thus alarming the merchants.

January 1, 1927, is now mentioned as the date for clearing all British goods in stock.

The Transport Workers' Union is reported to have passed a resolution at which over 1,000 were present, not to handle British goods after Nov. 8.

"TOO BUSY."

GOVERNMENT TRANSLATORS'
DUTIES.

ALLEGED FORGERS' GANG.

Believed by the Police to be a member of a well-organised gang of forgers who, working in conjunction with confederates in the Post Office, obtain information from letters, forge cheques and demand notes, Au Cheong, 33, was charged on remand before Mr. K. E. Lindell at the Central Magistracy this morning with attempting to obtain \$1,000 by false pretences with intent to defraud.

Mr. J. T. Prior conducted the case on behalf of the complainant, Yeung Kwai-yue and Mr. D. McCullum defended the accused. At the previous hearing the complainant gave evidence regarding the receipt of letters which aroused his suspicion and led to his taking the matter to the Police. The case was put in the hands of Det. Sub-Inspector Lane who arranged for a Chinese detective to go to the complainant's office, No. 21, New Street, disguised as a clerk. Accused called by appointment and was handed two \$500 notes which had previously been marked. Leaving the office, he was followed and subsequently arrested.

Demand of \$1,000. At the commencement of this morning's hearing, Mr. Prior informed the Magistrate that he had been unable to secure certified copies of his translations of the Chinese letters. "The Supreme Court refuse to translate them," said counsel, "and the Secretary for Chinese Affairs says he is too busy." He, Mr. Prior, was therefore quite helpless in the matter and would ask His Worship to allow him to get the various witnesses to state what they understood by them. Mr. McCullum raising no objection to the suggested procedure, His Worship allowed the application. Lam Kwok-an, accountant in the employ of the firm from whom the letter was supposed to have been sent, said that he had not written it; it was undoubtedly a forgery as he was in a position to know about every letter that left his office. The letter was not in the handwriting of anyone in his office. His firm, as a matter of fact, knew nothing whatever of the \$1,000 demanded. Case proceeding.

A. J. P.'S SON.

FINED FOR A "ROW" IN
A BUS.

"HEAD OVER HEELS."

The son of Mr. Tong Yat-cheun, J.P., appeared this morning before Mr. J. H. E. Nicholl at the Kowloon Magistracy charged with assaulting a bus conductor, and refusing to alight from a bus when ordered. The complainant conductor, alleged that defendant boarded his bus while it was in motion at Yaumati, despite his refusal to admit him because there was no room. Complainant also alleged that he was kicked by defendant who on jumping from the "bus" fell "head over heels." His Worship imposed a fine of \$10 on the first charge and dismissed the second.

REVENUE REPORT.

IMPORTS & EXPORTS IN
1925.

LESS THAN YEAR BEFORE.

The report of the Superintendent of Imports and Exports, Hong Kong, for the year 1925, was laid on the table at this afternoon's meeting of the Legislative Council.

Revenue for 1925 was less than the year before.

Imports, \$1,140,925.07 was collected against \$1,229,262.66 in 1924. Tobacco produced \$1,796,858.52 as compared with \$2,007,106.01 the year before.

The foregoing figures denote net revenue.

Gross revenue on opium was \$3,466,521.00 as compared with \$5,224,307.55 in the preceding twelve months.

The Superintendent says: The collection of duty on liquor of Chinese manufacture still remained unsatisfactory.

Fraud & Corruption.

Frauds by distilleries, in denaturing, weighing, the altering of samples and adulteration are referred to in detail.

"The Chinese liquor trade was a serious source of corruption of the Chinese staff," says the report. Under classified heads, an estimate made of loss to revenue is placed at \$385,000.

The report also has several complaints were received of the adulteration of European type liquor sold in hotels. A good deal of compounded cheap spirit is sold surreptitiously as Hennessy's 3 star brandy, and a Chinese firm concerned has since gone into bankruptcy.

The boycott brought about the "fairly satisfactory collection" of tobacco duty because, most of the avenues for smuggling were closed.

Opium Problem. Before the political trouble in June, sales of opium had decreased to 5,000 tael per week; and for the remainder of the year to about 4,000 tael per week. The great decrease is partly due to the political troubles, partly to the large amounts of cheap Chinese opium, and partly due to the large amounts of Macao opium smuggled into the Colony.

It is interesting to note that during the "general strike" some of the staff were employed in running the s.s. "Tung On" (handed by the Navy) to Canton; Europeans were lent to the Police and to the Harbour Office; and R. O. Pearce acted as slaughter-house butcher.

Junior Chinese clerks were lent to the Post Office and to the Censor. The tables of contraband and dangerous drugs seized make very interesting reading.

P.W.D. in 1925.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE
DIRECTOR.

A full and "interesting" report has been issued by the Director of Public Works covering the work of his department in 1925. This was laid on the Council table at to-day's meeting.

The total expenditure of the department last year was \$11,838,372.83. But the sum of \$15,965,653.85 was voted (both in the estimates and in supplementary votes).

Further details will be given in to-morrow's "China Mail."

BISHOP OF LONDON.

DATE OF ARRIVAL AND
RECEPTION.

PREACH HERE AT X'MAS.

His Lordship the Bishop of London is due to arrive in Hong Kong on Dec. 23 or 24, and will leave probably on Dec. 30. On Christmas Day he will preach at St. John's Cathedral at 11 a.m., and on Sunday, Dec. 26, at St. Andrew's, Kowloon, at 11 a.m. and in the evening, it is hoped, at the Cathedral.

On Tuesday, Dec. 28, there will be a reception to welcome the Bishop. A committee has been formed to arrange for this and full particulars will be announced later.

A Chinese seaman of the s.s. "Kinshan" prosecuted by Senior Revenue Officer G. Watt at the Central Magistracy this morning for being in possession of three tael of opium, was fined \$350, with an alternative of four months' imprisonment, by Mr. R. E. Lindell.

CHANG KAI-SHEK.

Another Report That He
is Dead.

MESSAGE TO U.S. CONSUL.

Sent by Supt. of Changsha
Mission.

Shanghai, Nov. 3. Sun Chuan-fang's local headquarters has received a despatch from Marshal Sun Chuan-fang stating that the superintendent of the American Missionary Hospital at Changsha sent a message to the American Consul at Nanking on Oct. 28 to the effect that General Chang Kai-shek has died from wounds.—Reuter.

Marshal Sun is at Kiukiang, on the Yangtze river and in Kiangsi province, several hundreds of miles from Changsha which is in the centre of Hunan province (held by the Cantonese).

Nanking is the capital of Kiangsu province and the seat of the

A.P.C. BURNT DOWN.

Southern Troops Excesses on
Yangtze.

Shanghai, Nov. 4.

A report from Changsha says that the A.P.C. property at Paoting was burnt down.

Messrs Butterfield's property at Chang-tai has been destroyed. Wesleyan missionaries at Liuyang have been forced to evacuate.

All these towns are in Southern occupation.—Reuter.

government of Marshal Sun's five federated provinces, 36 hours by train from Nanking.

On Oct. 26, a doctor (nationality not given) from Changsha was reported to have declared in Kiukiang that General Chang Kai-shek had been shot in the arm and leg; that same day, Marshal Sun issued an official report that General Chang was to have his leg amputated in the American (mission) Hospital at Changsha, as the result of wounds.

Admiral's Interview.

Also on Oct. 26, Rear-Admiral J. Araki of the Japanese Navy was quoted as having interviewed General Chang's chief of staff at Changsha, who denied that his leader had been wounded and maintained that he was in the field at Feng-hsin, in the Kiangsi sector.

Since then there have been more conflicting reports which only add to the confusion.

It should be noted that the latest news comes from the Northern camp, but the fact that the American Consul is quoted lends a touch of authority to the despatch—at least until there is confirmation or denial.

Canton sent down an official denial on Oct. 28.

Inquiries were made by the "China Mail" in authoritative circles in Hong Kong but no local information was available.

Chinese opinion is that their invitation by the Kuomintang to Mr. Wong Ching-wai (chairman of the Political Council) to return from "sick leave" has a significant bearing on the situation.

"STEAM-ROLLER"

Canton Rolling Back on
Own Tracks.

Shanghai, Oct. 28. The war situation remains clothed in as much uncertainty as it ever did, due to a number of reasons.

On the face of things it would seem that the greatest Cantonese "steam-roller" which sailed forth from Canton little more than two months ago upon such an unprecedented and ambitious campaign, had at last begun to roll back along its own tracks.

The tide of Bolshevism unto which the great march northwards has been likened so often, has apparently been stemmed and the ebb has commenced in real earnest.

It may be a little early yet to venture into predictions of this sort, for in Chinese warfare the unexpected always happens, but unless some really sensational coup d'état or betrayal takes place in the ranks of the Allied armies, the Red army may be expected to see the last

BURGLARS' HAUL.

\$660 THEFT FROM MR.
GRIMBLE.

MYSTERY MAN IN WHITE.

Mr. George Grimbale (the well-known shipbroker), of No. 10, Branksome Towers, May Road, has reported to the Police that shortly after 2 o'clock this morning, an unknown Chinese, dressed in white, was seen in the neighbourhood of his house.

Investigations proved that Mr. Grimbale's house had been visited by thieves and a quantity of jewellery, which Mr. Grimbale estimates to be worth at least \$660 together with two pairs of gold spectacles were found to have been stolen.

The Police are busy investigating the case, but up to the time of going to press were unable to make any statement on the matter.

TENNIS TOURIST.

CHINESE ENTHUSIAST
ARRIVES HERE.

"PASSENGERS BY GRANT."

Among passengers arriving in the Colony by the s.s. "President Grant" is Mr. W. Lock Wei, son of a former Chinese representative on the Legislative Council (the late Sir Boshen Wei Yuk).

Mr. Lock Wei, who has been touring several countries, chiefly for the purpose of playing tennis matches (he represented China in the Davis Cup match in America), will remain in Hong Kong for some considerable time.

Among other passengers on the "President Grant" are Mrs. E. A. Gilmore, wife of the Vice-Governor of the Philippines; Mr. C. H. Benson, General Manager of the American Express Company at Hong Kong; and Mother Mary Joseph Rogers, on a tour of inspection of Maryknoll Missions in the East.

A man charged with keeping an opium den in the "boys' quarters" attached to the Army Service Corps barracks opposite the Naval Yard gate, was fined \$50 by Major C. Willson at the Central Magistracy this morning. The bail of six smokers who failed to appear was estreated by order of the Bench.

peace terms possible under the circumstances.

Fighting Single-Handed. Such will depend upon Marshal Sun Chuan-fang, upon whom has rested the task of repulsing the Red rush almost single-handed and who at present appears to have accomplished this in worthy fashion.

Marshal Sun on at least two occasions recently was reported to have offered to cease hostilities providing that the Reds withdrew from his five south-eastern provinces of Kiangsu, Chekiang, Anhui, Hunan and Fukien.

But while the tide of battle favoured themselves, the Cantonese appeared unduly desirous of calling an armistice.

So Sun continued fighting with a set purpose and now that he apparently is well on the high road to succeeding in that purpose, it can hardly be expected that he will agree to peace on quite the same terms as he formerly negotiated.—"Shanghai Mercury."

YANG SEN.

Marching With An Anti-Red
Purpose.

Shanghai, Oct. 28. General Yang Sen has moved a great many troops downstream during the past day or two. He has captured several small river ports above Hankow and in general consolidated his position within striking distance of Hankow. Yesterday we reported that his troops had looted the city of Patang, a rather unimportant port a few miles up river beyond Ichang. This report came from a reliable source, though details as to the looting have not yet been received.

On the other hand General Yang Sen is reported to be advancing upon Hankow with a definite anti-Red purpose and this may possibly account for the reported evacuation of Hankow by the Southerners.—"Shanghai Mercury."

(Note: Hanyang is still in Cantonese hands.—Ed. "China Mail.")

COUNCIL MEETING.

2ND READING, BUDGET
BILL.

THE ATTENDANCE.

The Legislative Council met this afternoon, when the most important business was the second reading of the Supply Bill (Budget) for 1927. Full reports will be found elsewhere in this issue. The attendance comprised:—

H. E. the Governor (Sir Cecil Clementi, K.C.M.G.)

H. E. the Acting General Officer Commanding (Colonel C. Russell-Brown, D.S.O., R.E.)

The Hon. Mr. W. T. Southern (Colonial Secretary)

The Hon. Mr. J. H. Kemp, C.B.E., K.C. (Attorney General)

The Hon. Mr. C. McL. Messer, O.B.E. (Colonial Treasurer)

The Hon. Mr. E. R. Hallifax, C.B.E. (Secretary for Chinese Affairs)

The Hon. Mr. H. T. Cressy (Director of Public Works)

The Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe (Captain Superintendent of Police)

The Hon. Sir Henry E. Pollock, K.C.

The Hon. Sir Shou-son Chow.

The Hon. Mr. A. O. Lang.

The Hon. Mr. H. W. Bird.

The Hon. Mr. R. H. Ketwall, L.L.D.

The Hon. D. G. M. Bernard.

Mr. S. B. E. McDermid (Clerk of Council).

ST. ANDREW'S DAY.

CONTINUOUS PRAYER IN
CATHEDRAL.

HELPERS WANTED.

On St. Andrew's day, the November number of "St. John's Cathedral Notes" says:—

"The eve of St. Andrew's day has been for many years the day appointed as a day of special prayer for the extension of the Kingdom of God amongst non-Christian people. It has long been observed as a day of continuous prayer in the Cathedral, different people taking a quarter of an hour and spending the time in the Cathedral in prayer. The Chaplain will be very glad to hear from any who like to take part in the work. It is noticeable how the missionary work of the Church has spread and increased since the initiation of the Day of Intercession in the year 1872. At the present time the four reports issued by the Missionary Council of the National Assembly of the Church of England have shown how pressing is the need of a great increase in the number of workers and in the amount contributed by our Church to the evangelisation of the world. Empire involves responsibility, and we of the British Empire are bound to see that we do our part in spreading the Christian message which has been the foundation of our own national life."

SHARE RETURNS.

TWO YEARS' DELAY IN
FILING.

Extension of time for filing allotments of shares in the Po Yuen Sing Co., of 146, Wing Lok Street, was granted in the Supreme Court this morning on the application of Mr. H. Somerset Fitzroy.

The manager of the firm, said Mr. Fitzroy, had been absent from the Colony for a considerable period and no returns of any allotments whatsoever in connection with the firm seemed to have been made.

In reply to the Chief Justice, Mr. Fitzroy said that the firm was founded in 1924. The application should have been heard some considerable time ago but his (Mr. Fitzroy's) illness had necessitated its adjournment.

His Lordship granted an extension of time, Mr. Fitzroy stating that everything was in preparation for complying with the regulations.

TO-DAY'S DOLLAR.

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